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Gripsholm Will Bring Interned Missionaries

In the Foreign Mission Board Bulletin of August 24 were given the names of 26 Southern Baptist missionaries from the Orient who are listed for repatriation. Since then other names have been received until all of our missionaries from occupied China are listed with the exception of Mrs. E. F. Tatum and Miss Elizabeth Hale, both of Shanghai. We have been asked not to publish the list until it is released to the press by the Department of State around the first of October. We pass on to you relatives and friends of these missionaries the complete list of Southern Baptist missionaries listed for repatriation with the request that no publicity be given to it. After the ship from the Orient has left its last port of call the complete list will be released. Until that time we cannot be certain that this list is accurate.

(Editor's Note: We have the list but have been asked not to publish it until further notice from the State Department. Three Mississippians are listed.)

The Gripsholm sailed from New York on September 2nd carrying Japanese civilians. The Japanese ship Teia Maru sailed from Japan on September 14. It will call at ports in China, the Philippine Islands and Indo-China to embark Americans. The exchange will take place about October 15th in Mormugao, Goa, Portuguese India. Upon completion of the exchange the Gripsholm is scheduled to return to New York, calling at Port Elizabeth, Union of South Africa, and Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, reaching New York early in December.

Communications on Return Voyage of Gripsholm

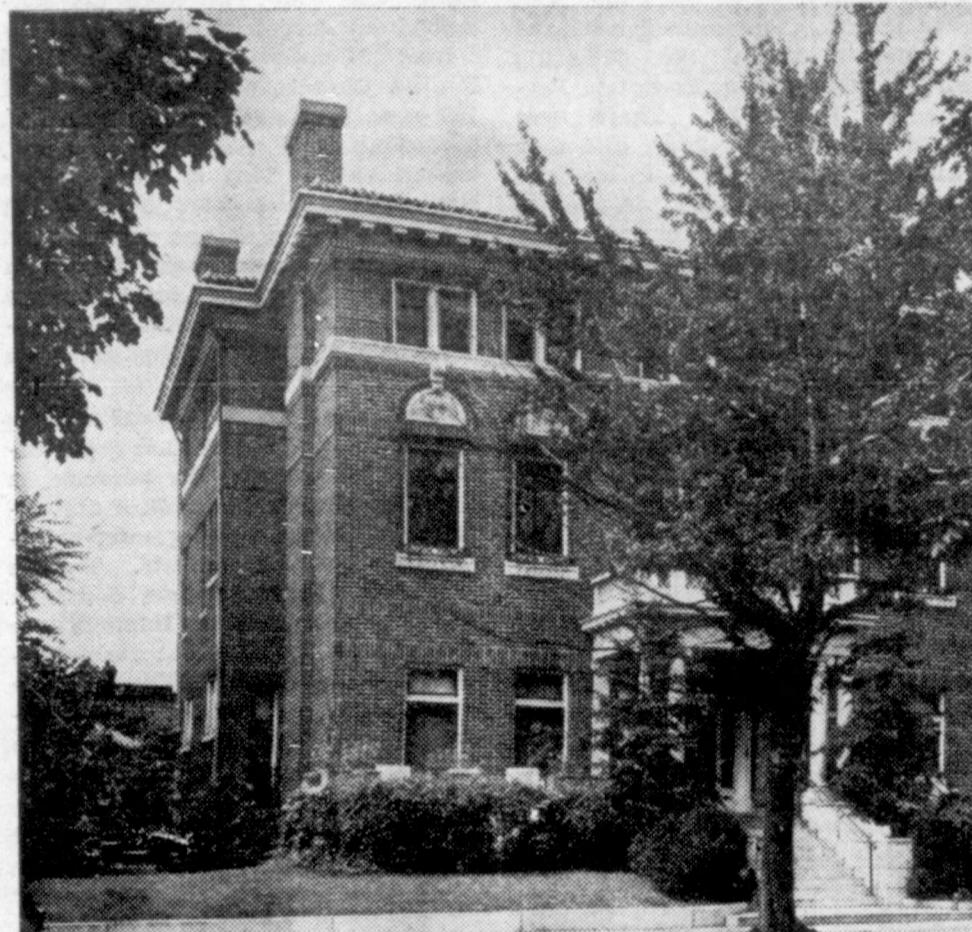
(Quoted from Shanghai Evening Post & Mercury, Sept. 10): "Cables may be sent to returning repatriates at Mormugao. They are subject to the usual censorship restrictions, and are filed at the sender's risk, as are all cables at this time. Cables should be addressed with full name of repatriate, M. S. Gripsholm, Mormugao. Signature must include surname. Cables may be sent about a week in advance.

"Air mail letters to Port Elizabeth, South Africa, are possible. The Gripsholm will probably reach Port Elizabeth on the return voyage in late October. A month should be allowed for an air mail letter. Postage is 60 cents per half ounce. Letters should be addressed to the repatriate in care of The American Consulate, Port Elizabeth, Union of South Africa.

"Air mail is also advised for writing to repatriates to meet them at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The Gripsholm will probably be in Rio de Janeiro in early November, and three weeks

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NEW HEADQUARTERS BUILDING FOR FOREIGN MISSION BOARD



The October meeting of the Foreign Mission Board will be held in its new headquarters building. This building was formerly the residence occupied by Mr. John T. Wilson and is in the best residential section of the city. It is located at 2037 Monument Avenue, and is one of the handsomest residences in Richmond. It is adjacent to two banks, a post office, hotel and railway station—ideally located for the purpose of the Board. It was purchased for the sum of \$26,500.00, and could not be reproduced today for a sum less than \$80,000.00 to \$90,000.00. The building will be rent free to the Foreign Mission Board, thus saving the Board \$4,000.00 per year. NOT ONE DOLLAR OF FOREIGN MISSION MONEY will be used in the purchase, preparation, or maintenance of this building, or in the removal of the Board from its former home. The deal is another evidence of the sound business wisdom of the Board's administrative officers.

News for the Men in The Service F. V. McFatrige

A few weeks ago I prepared a type-written sheet, legal size, single spaced, which I called: "The Plantersville News, Army and Navy Edition," which I mailed to the men in the service from Plantersville. It was a running commentary on local happenings, and news from men in the service, together with church news. A sample of the items (which will appear in the next edition) follows:

"A letter from Bonner Kelly in Iran. (Imagine your grandson asking you: 'Grandpa, where were you in the big war?' and having to answer: 'I ran.') Bonner says the natives look like pictures of the people of Bible times. I'll bet Jonah would have looked funny in a Jeep!"

About the time it would take for these to reach overseas and letters to reach me from there, I began to receive letters. All of them called en-

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A Call for Spiritual Awakening

In a Christian Life Conference at Ridgefest, a group of those in attendance felt impressed to send out an appeal for a great spiritual awakening, that will exalt Christ in the winning of the lost. No one would deny the appalling conditions which are prominently before us. The nefarious liquor traffic has invaded personal life, the unity of the home, peaceful community affairs, and the various army camps. Changing economic conditions have seriously hindered church attendance and moved our people from place to place. The rate of juvenile delinquency is rising rapidly. The general indifference of many of our people is fatal. Paganism has paralyzed the influence of countless Christians. We need, therefore, to humble ourselves before God and to repent of our sins.

In prayer and conference we have become confronted with spiritual wickedness in high places and low places and long for a genuine revival of essential Christianity in our land and world. We do not share the feeling of some that we are to just hold our own for the war period. On the other hand, we are stirred to work and pray for a mighty renewal of God's people.

The kind of America our boys will find when they return is a matter of paramount importance to us. We must keep the home fires burning for them as well as for ourselves. Every returning soldier should find the family altar glowing and the home church ablaze with the fires of spirituality and evangelism. Spiritual values and realities should be obvious everywhere.

Southern Baptists have approximately 750,000 people above nine years of age enrolled in their Sunday schools who are not members of their churches. An immediate and continuous effort on the part of the churches led by the pastors, the 350,000 Sunday school officers and teachers, and other church workers, is not only a major opportunity but an imperative responsibility.

To this end let us gird our land with intercessory prayer bands. Let us utilize every agency for evangelism, particularly the Sunday school, Training Union, W. M. U., and Brotherhood. This can be accomplished in the following ways:

First, through special days of well-planned evangelism through the Sunday school, such as promotion day, Mother's Day, and during other opportune seasons.

Second, by the organized efforts of the Junior, Intermediate, and Young People's Departments of the Sunday school as urged and emphasized by our Sunday School Board.

Third, through the seasonal church-wide revival strongly supported by all

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A Gain of 141 Since the Last Report

Sparks & Splinters

The fall revival at Juniper Grove begins October 3. Evangelist Barney W. Walker will do the preaching.—D. W. Nix, pastor.

Kosciusko: We were ahead of the budget in receipts, so Wednesday night the church voted to send Dr. McCall \$500, some of it going to the Cooperative Program and other items of mission.—Rowe C. Holcomb, pastor.

New Palestine church, Pearl River county: reports a good revival with M. E. Perry of Hattiesburg assisting Pastor Phil J. Walker. There were 13 additions. In writing about the revival, Pastor Walker says: "We have just completed a new paint job on our church and also repair work totaling \$310.30. We are enjoying the Lord's blessings. We are also enjoying the Record."

Newton: We just closed a meeting with Aubert Dunn of Meridian preaching and J. T. Smith of Birmingham leading the singing. Brother Dunn appeals especially to men and we had a real awakening. There were 25 additions.—R. A. Morris, pastor.

Juniper Grove, Pearl River county: The already beautiful church is quickly drawing near completion. Dreams of a parsonage are at last coming true, the foundation has been laid.—D. W. Nix, pastor.

The following have been recent visitors to The Baptist Record office: Rev. R. A. Eddleman, Clinton; Mrs. Walter L. Perry, Philadelphia; Rev. V. R. Crider, Clinton; Iris Stogner, Tylertown; Rev. Homer Ainsworth, Clinton; Chaplain Norman L. Roberts, APO 865, % Post Master, New York, N. Y.; Norman Roberts, Jr., Ellisville; Chaplain James A. Bryant, APO 4, Ft. Dix, N. J.; Rev. Bryan Simmons, Laurel; Rev. L. C. Hoff, Clinton; Rev. Homer W. Roberson, Lexington; Leslie Roberson, Lexington; Billy Roberson, Lexington; Rev. Billy Stogner, Tylertown; and Rev. J. B. Smith, Hollendale.

H. B. Benton recently held a good revival at Pleasant Grove, in Lincoln county, with Pastor L. C. Hoff leading the singing. There were three additions.

First church, Pascagoula: Last month was a great month—51 additions and offerings totaling \$41,000.

W. E. Stewart has resigned at Leakesville in order to accept the pastorate of Thirty-Eighth Avenue church, Hattiesburg.

H. L. Davis has been called as pastor of Zion Hill church, Forrest county.

Another Mississippi prodigal has come home. Troy Sumrall has resigned at Tipton, Oklahoma, in order to accept the pastorate at Purvis. He succeeds D. A. Hogan, who is now an army chaplain.

J. H. Cothorn has recently resigned at Zion Hill, Macedonia and Thirty-Eighth Avenue, Lebanon Association, to become pastor at Richton. He succeeds T. R. Coulter, who has gone to New Orleans to become pastor of Vallence street church.

Pontotoc: O. T. Ray and Reuben Pitts, Jr., have been elected deacons. During the past year there were 51 additions. We are also increasing our gifts to outside causes from 25% to 33 1/3%. Rev. John W. Cook is pastor.—Reporter.

"Christianity is sweeping across China as a result of the Sino-Japanese war," Dr. John Abernathy, long a missionary to China, told the thirty-seventh annual Arkansas Baptist Assembly. Dr. Abernathy, for several months a prisoner of the Japanese, said that in his twenty-three years as a missionary in the Orient he had never seen more people converted to Christianity than in the years of the war.

A Baptist church was organized at James, Mississippi, Sunday, September 5th, 1943. The organization was directed by Rev. E. C. Farr and Rev. Bruce Hilbun. The council consisted of members from the following churches: Glen Allen, Hampton, Ferriday and Swiftwater. There were fourteen members by letter and four by baptism. Mrs. J. N. Boatwright was elected church clerk. A motion was made to name the church "The Alexander Memorial Baptist Church," in memory of H. N. Alexander of Greenville, Mississippi. This mission was started as a Sunday school, July 18th, 1943, by Rev. E. C. Farr, with 26 members and has grown to the total of 61.—Mrs. J. N. Boatwright, clerk.

Rural Evangelist Bruce S. Hilbun writes that he recently assisted in the organization of the Alexander Memorial church, a new church at James, Mississippi. A fuller account of the organization will be found in another column. According to Brother Hilbun, the church has had a very interesting beginning. It grew out of a visit made by Rev. E. C. Farr to see a sick man, who, at that time was not a Christian. He found the people of the community anxious for a Sunday school and for preaching. A Sunday school was organized and a mission established in one of the homes. The EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record was immediately adopted and the Record has contributed its part toward the establishment of the work. They also secured a lot and have begun plans for a building.

Pastor John H. Hooks, former Mississippi pastor and now pastor at Rayville, Louisiana, writes of the gracious revival led by Evangelist Barney Walker of Jackson and Singer Joe Hudson, pastor at Bassfield. Pastor Hooks says, "There was a substantial increase in the membership of the church and many of our best people say that they can never be the same again."

Mantee: Baptist efforts here are booming as evidenced by the three following facts: (1) Sunday school attendance on September 12 was 121. (2) The EVERY FAMILY Plan of The Baptist Record adopted. (3) Voted to have stewardship revival in church latter part of October.

Total offerings at the First Baptist Church at Pontotoc for the month of August were \$756.65.

In June the church at Crystal Springs, Joe T. Odle, pastor, began a four months' campaign to increase the building fund to \$5,000 by October 1. But on September 1 they had passed the \$5,000 mark and expect to make it at least \$6,000 by October 1.

New Albany: During the eight months' pastorate of A. B. Pierce, there have been 130 additions. Contributions have amounted to \$13,500. The average Sunday school attendance has been 440 and the Training Union has averaged 125 per Sunday.

Due to cancellations, I have the following open dates: from September 26 to October 10th, and October 24th to November 14th. Any of the brethren needing my services will please communicate with me at once.—Robert L. Cooper, gospel singer, Aberdeen, Mississippi.

Newton: In the September 9 issue of the Record it was reported that \$45 had been added to the building fund, the correct amount was \$450. But since then more than \$100 has been added to the above amount. As this is one of the first mistakes we have made this year, we hope all concerned will forget it.

Blue Mountain—Lowrey Memorial Baptist Church, this place, received 135 new members Sunday morning, according to Prof. A. M. Donnell, church clerk. This is probably the largest single group ever to unite with the congregation at one service. Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, professor of Bible in Blue Mountain College, conducted the services, supplying for the congregation which has not had a pastor since New Year's Day.

Various church statistical reports which are being put out are quite unfair to the Baptists. For instance, in these reports the Methodists are declared to have a much greater membership than the Baptists. This is true if Northern Baptists, Southern Baptists, and Negro Baptists are counted as three different denominations. On the other hand, we are one denomination, and as one denomination our numbers greatly exceed the numbers of our Methodist friends, etc.—Watchman-Examiner.

Chaplain C. O. Daniels, now located at Fort Benning, Georgia, formerly pastor at Scooba, reports that during the month of August he conducted five preaching services with 209 in attendance; taught one Bible class; held six other religious services; had three professions of faith; and held four joint services with the regiment chaplain with 158 present.

E. S. Davidson, of 1017 Locust street, Kansas City, Missouri, is trying to ascertain the number of converted Jews that are members of Baptist churches in the Southern Baptist Convention. He asks all pastors that have converted Jews among their membership to write him at the above address telling him how many.

Rowe C. Holcomb, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Kosciusko, is to be with Pastor H. W. Shirley in a meeting at Carthage the first week in October.

Walnut church revival mentioned in last week's Record is in Quitman county and not in Tippah county. Dr. L. B. Campbell was the preacher. Dr. O. L. O'Briant is the pastor.

The many friends of Dr. Zeno Wall, former Clinton pastor and now pastor of the First Baptist Church of Shelby, North Carolina, will be delighted to know that his church has voted to raise \$200,000 for properly equipping Gardner-Webb College, a Baptist Junior College nearby. One hundred and five thousand dollars has already been raised. In a letter to the editor Dr. Wall says: "We recognize that we cannot build a safe world with unsaved men. We must, therefore, preach 'The Fatherhood of God,' 'The Saviourhood of Christ,' and 'The Brotherhood of Man,' and we must properly educate the saved, too. Save our schools and save our sons.—Zeno Wall.

The Executive Committee in recent session voted to pay the part of the church (3%) for our former pastors now in the chaplaincy—and where the pastor WAS in the Ministers' Retirement Plan. This is in line with the policy pursued in many other states. However, some churches prefer to continue paying the 3% for their former pastors, and, this splendid courtesy should be continued.

Elliston, Union county: The pastor did the preaching in our revival. There were 35 additions. W. C. Rakestraw is pastor.

"The War Against God," with a Foreword by Carl Carmer, published by Henry Holt and Company, 257 Fourth Avenue, New York, points to one of the deep truths about this war which has not had sufficient attention. Witness this quotation from the Nazi textbook, *Bolshevism in the Bible*: "The teaching of mercy and the love of one's neighbor is foreign to the German race, and the Sermon on the Mount is, according to Nordic sentiment, an ethic for cowards and idiots." This, and many other blasphemous statements, is indicative of the Nazis' deliberate and calculated war against the whole religious principle in the modern world. It is obvious to anyone who studies Axis doctrines that the Nazis and the Japanese plan to exterminate that principle. Carl Carmer has collected in "The War Against God" not only the testimony of our foes, but a noble muster of the great leaders and the simple people of our time who set forth a magnificent rebuttal. The price is \$2.75.

Dr. Francis K. Horton is to assist Dr. W. W. Hamilton of the Gentilly church of New Orleans in a revival meeting.

In last week's Record it was stated that Brother G. E. Wells had accepted work at Ossyka, Mississippi. This was not correct. He has accepted work at Terry's Creek, Pike county.

A line was dropped from last week's Record concerning Rev. Martin V. McKinster. He has resigned the work at Crowder and accepted the pastorate at Ellisville.

The Southeast Louisiana College Baptist Student Union, which is sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Hammond, Louisiana, recently held a two-day pre-school conference. They met on Tuesday afternoon, September 7 and continued through Wednesday night discussing the various angles of student union work. Dr. C. Lee Bullock is the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hammond.

E. D. Estes, Enlistment Pastor, recently closed a good meeting with Bethel church, Grenada county. John A. Wade is pastor. There were 10 received for baptism.

The American Civil Liberties Union has announced it would file a brief *amicus curiae* in pending New Jersey litigation challenging the constitutionality of that state's 1941 law providing school buses for parochial schools. Opposition to the use of public funds for such purposes is expressed by the A. C. L. U. on the ground that "it is an entering wedge for public support of religious schools in violation of the constitutional principle of the separation of church and state."

—BR—
Christian Education includes God's Word as one of the text books. Donate to Blue Mountain College's Endowment.

Mississippi Baptists

Your Secretary Says:

"LOVE NEVER FAILS." I Cor. 13:8b

"They . . . went everywhere preaching the Word." Acts 8:4.

RE: MAILING ADDRESSES

We are having mail returned to this office because sometimes street addresses are not given us, and the post office will not deliver the mail without proper street addresses. Also, sometimes pastors do not notify us when they change fields or go to the Seminaries. The official pastors' mailing list is kept in the office of the Executive Secretary and, therefore, it would be a great help if we receive notices always of changes in address. Thank you.—D. A. McCall.

I

It is cause for great rejoicing! It is cause for profound gratitude! We refer to the almost Miraculous March of Mississippi Baptists in general support of His work!

On page 192 of the 1940 S. B. C. Handbook, Dr. Alldredge tells us 1170 Mississippi Baptist churches gave something to some cause beyond the local church in 1939, whereas, in the issue of the Quarterly Review just out, page 337, he tells us 1508 of our 1572 churches in 1942 gave something to some cause beyond the local church. What an advance! In 1939 there were 380 so-called Mississippi Baptist Missionary churches that gave not one penny to the cause of Christ beyond the local church, whereas, last year (1942), only 64 churches failed to respond to the marching orders of Jesus. Surely a spiritual pastor, an interested layman—man or woman—a loyal boy or girl in each of these may bring these 64 into obedience to Jesus. Acts 1:8. Romans 10:13-15. This is to include **EVERY** Christian and **EVERY** church.

II

IMPORTANT

Pastors and churches will need to remember that applications for church building and pastoral aid should be in this office by Convention time. Please remember that the Board has set a deadline as of December 1 for receiving these applications. Write us for blanks. State which is desired.

III

We find associations well attended. We have never seen finer spirit manifested by our people. Moderator W. B. Jones led in a good program at Lafayette. Moderator M. V. Owings at Monroe was certainly cordial. Moderator E. L. Byrd kept things **AHEAD** of schedule in Marshall. Moderator S. S. Kelly in Lee kept all in fine spirit by his own spiritual attitude. Reports were good. Dinners were appetizing. Our fellows in service made good presentations. We never saw Brethren Mize, Goodrich, Skilton, Wilds, Estes, High-tower, etc., when they were finer and they are always good. Mississippi Baptists continue on the March!

Pastor A. B. Jones, Sherman and Birmingham, is leading in an excellent work. Making associations in the day time we were delighted with two fine evening congregations at these places. The work of our Lord goes on apace! Acts 1:8.

IV

We have not known a more genteel Christian than Pastor James L. Sullivan. He is sincere in life. Things of the "catty," cheap, jealous nature are entirely foreign to him. We know a youngster who thought he was "tops." Others feel the same way.

We lose a good pastor—we keep him as a friend and fellow worker. Brookhaven, First church, a leading church, gains in citizenship and leadership. Brother Sullivan's fine family members share with him in the good work of his ministry. May our God continue to bless them greatly.

V

Budget making time for 1944 is upon the churches of our Lord. Some churches are already at it. Others are soon to start. The King's business requires planning. God has plans. He has a plan of salvation, a plan for financing His work, a time plan—as to days and seasons. Only foolish men have no plans. Ask God to lead you and your brethren into His plan of action for you, and then work the plan. List your prospective needs and abilities for His work at home and around the world for 1944. Present it to the people. Pray about it. Talk about it. Adopt it. Go after it. Do it!

Write us for Stewardship literature. Write us for Every Member Canvass Cards (Census Cards are ordered from the Baptist Book Store). Budget envelopes may also be ordered from the Book Store. We do not handle the envelopes.

If you need help in developing, and putting on a budget, ask some pastor who knows the plan to help you. Ask one of your State workers to help. "We are workers together with God." II Cor. 6:1.

VI

Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature." Mark 16:15. He did not say, "Go—unless a war is on." He did not say "Go—unless the trains are too crowded." He said "Go!" Maybe He said it with emphasis! Maybe He said it in a soft voice! Any way, He meant it!

God said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." Malachi 3:10. He did not say, "Do it provided you get a 15% credit on your Federal income tax report." He did not say, "Do it under the repeal features of the mortmain." He said, "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse." He meant it!

LOVE, gratitude—the example of Christ, the example of God our Father, furnish the motive, the moving power. Read II Corinthians, chapters eight and nine, carefully, prayerfully!

VII

Mr. J. E. Lane is now keeping records in Minister Retirement Department,

succeeding Mrs. H. T. McLaurin, whom we regretted giving up as the family moved to Newton. Mr. Lane is a splendid layman.

Miss Lois Tyler is bookkeeper in The Baptist Record Business Management department. She has been putting these books in splendid shape. Heretofore, various fine workers have kept the records along with other heavy duties. Miss Tyler is the first fulltime bookkeeper in this department so far as we know. The Baptist Record is full grown.

Mrs. E. E. Parker, prominent leader at Griffith Memorial Church, has added real strength in The Baptist Record Mailing department.

We are also happy to have Miss Doris Wiggins, Philadelphia, in The Baptist Record department.

Miss Naomi Middleton, Roxie, comes to us temporarily to help out, due to the press of affairs in two departments. She was active in her home church.

Let us say that we have "let out" no person permanently employed these years. We must have temporary helpers during certain seasons.

VIII

The Baptist Memorial church near Centerville has been incorporated into the army camp and we are in receipt of a check from Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Jones of that membership. The check represents their part of the sale price of the church building and is for the Cooperative Program. This will be a blessing at home and around the world.

At McDonald church (one year old), Leake county, we found two interested congregations. Rev. A. A. Jackson, pastor. Brother Jackson is happy in the work. Two deacons ordained. Dinner on the ground. Doxology!

Pastor W. R. Storie, Itta Bena, is either a good preacher, or a mighty good publicity man, for the folks were present in large numbers each time we have been up there. We know he is a good preacher. We brought messages and showed pictures.

The Delta Pastors' Conference met Monday at Drew. Reports were good and modestly presented. Splendid pastors and churches. Dr. O. P. Moore is president. Dr. W. S. Hardin was host pastor.

Dr. D. Swan Haworth asked us over to talk Cooperative Program to his folk. They are raising their percentage to 40 for 1944. Dr. Haworth stated that their ideal is 50-50. When more churches reach this goal our state will be able to make the division 50-50. The meeting began with prayer for the lost, the sick, and service men.

IX

We recognize copyright values. A man deserves the benefit of his own production. He should also be protected against those who would take his production and copyright it and thus keep it from its creator.

However, we have never felt sympathetic to something like this, "All rights reserved. No part of this book may be reproduced without written permission," etc.

To "cap it all," we bought a version of the Holy Bible. Imagine our surprise when we read as we opened it, somewhat as follows: "All rights reserved. No part of this may be reproduced without written permission," etc. And, permission must be secured **EACH** time such reference is made to it.

Somewhere we have heard something about "the Word being bound."

No! We don't like it! That is that!

GOVERNMENT INTERFERENCE AGAIN

By Louis J. Bristow, New Orleans, La.

Denominational hospitals again are having to meet an offer of federal government appropriations. The Bolton Cadet Nurse Act, with an appropriation of forty-five million dollars, proposes to furnish money to hospitals for their schools of nursing; and many hospitals are accepting the tax money.

I hope no Baptist hospital will be seduced into accepting federal tax money with which to meet the expenses of its school of nursing. There was widespread opposition to the law which made churches collection agents for the Victory tax. It was felt it was a violation of the principle of separation of church and state. Now, if a denominational institution accepts tax money for the expenses of its school, where is the denominational consistency? Student nurses receiving aid from these government funds are required to sign a contract to work for the government after graduation. I prefer that our graduates shall be free to work anywhere they may choose, and not be bound by a contract made three years before, while they were immature and inexperienced.

I am familiar with the arguments made in favor of this law. It was passed under the guise of a "war measure," and proposes to educate nurses for service in the army, navy and other essential activities. But the

HE DIED FOR OTHERS

Greater love hath no man than this; that a man lay down his life for his friends.—John 15:13.

Carl Pennington, a foreman at Chickasaw Ordnance Works, died at Methodist Hospital about 4 p. m. yesterday (Aug. 27).

He gave his life so that his friends and fellow-workers at the huge powder plant might live.

While driving a powder train from a drier house to a blending tower, the power in some way became ignited. Mr. Pennington had the choice of jumping from the flaming train and saving his own life, thereby risking the lives of other workers, or of driving the flaming train to an isolated spot and preventing other explosions.

He chose the latter course, ran the train into an open field where it could do no harm and then collapsed from severe burns. Even while suffering severely, his chief concern was for the safety of his fellow-workers and he asked anxiously whether he had managed to keep the flaming cars from the drier house.—Memphis Press-Scimitar.

fact remains that the federal government is making appropriations to hospitals. I am opposed to it. I prefer that we shall bear our own expenses, and that the hand of government be kept off our School of Nursing.

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"TAKING INVENTORY AT THE ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS"

There comes a time in every thriving business when an inventory of the stock is needed. This is done in order to see what should be eliminated for another year. If a merchant is taking the inventory he makes a list of the things that were the best sellers and makes definite plans for his business to be up-to-date, efficient and profitable.

It has been an unusual privilege of ours to attend several of the Associational meetings and hear the various reports. In a measure the people are taking stock of their last year's work or giving account of themselves. In some instances there was not much done in churches. Various things needed to be eliminated—such as a non-cooperation spirit, lack of interest in missions, and a poorly planned program.

As a whole, the reports were splendid. We heard of better and stronger organizations, increased giving, souls being won and more people reading religious magazines and papers.

Some notes of sadness were sounded as we heard of young boys, fathers and preachers having gone from the churches, and a lack of leaders.

We realize war always brings problems in church life as well as elsewhere. Therefore, it is necessary for those of us who remain to spare not, lengthen our cords and strengthen our stakes.

Many of the people said that they wished their reports could have been better and that they are planning for a better year. If these fine resolutions are carried out we will hear of better results another year.

In Ephesians 3:13b Paul said, "Forgetting those things that are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before."

We hope that the mistakes and the successes that were made last year will only be stepping stones for greater

progress another year.

Surely it is better to plan for a great goal and not reach it, than to be self-satisfied and never launch out for bigger and better things.

"Commit thy ways unto the Lord, trust in Him and He will bring it to pass."

—BR—

SEVERAL YEARS TOO LATE

London, Sept. 1—Pope Pius appealed to the leaders of the world today to reach "a worthy peace," and he expressed hope and faith that the fifth year of the war, beginning today, would end in such a peace.

The pope, declaring his views in a 14-minute world broadcast, called for "generosity" toward those nations "less favored than others by the trend of war at any given time," and he admonished against "actions which instead of encouraging confidence, rather inflame hatreds anew and strengthen the determination to resist.

The pontiff referred to "the powerful and the leaders of peoples," and continued:

"May their wisdom, their moderation, their strength of mind and their deep sense of humanity throw a ray of comfort upon the tear and blood-drenched threshold of the fifth year of the war and give the survivors of the immense conflict, bent under a load of sorrow, the joyful hope that the year may not end under the sign and in the shadow of slaughter and destruction, but may be the beginning and the dawn of a new life, brotherly reconciliation and a thorough and concordant reconstruction.

The above appeal by Pope Pius is a worthy one. We commend him for his Christian attitude. Every child of God throughout the world can join in the thoughts expressed.

BUT why the delay? His words today would have been heard and read with greater force had he also spoken them a few years ago.

Why did he not make such an appeal when Ethiopia was being overrun by the Italians? And the almost defenseless Ethiopians were being mercilessly gassed to horrible death.

Why did he utter no word of protest when Hitler and Mussolini were aiding France to overturn the organized and legally constituted Republican government of Spain? Was it because Franco was pro-Catholic?

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CHAPLAIN MAKES A GOOD SUGGESTION

Recently a friend of ours, who is a chaplain in the United States Army, mentioned several things that pastors could do that would be helpful to the soldiers.

1. Send name and organization of Baptist men to the Baptist chaplain, in care of the Post Chaplain. Also give the organization to which he belongs. Our chaplain friend said, "Thus the chaplain can serve the Baptist men. He needs the fellow-

ship and moral support of all Baptist men."

2. Send a church bulletin and an offering envelope at least monthly requesting a monthly offering.

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MANY MISSIONARIES HOMeward BOUND

It has been announced that Japan has agreed to an exchange of interned Americans.

Some weeks ago we received the names of Southern Baptist missionaries who were to come on the Gripsholm. But the State Department requested the list not be published until further notice. The list contains about 35 names of our missionaries, three of them Mississippians. They are expected to arrive on the Gripsholm about December first.

We assure our readers that all possible information will be given as soon as received and as soon as we are permitted to do so by war regulations.

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SALE OF SYRUP IN TIN PAILS RULED ILLEGAL BY WPB

Mississippians, who have packed cane syrup and sorghum in tin pails for generations, were advised by the War Production Board Jackson office yesterday that the sale of syrups in tin containers is now illegal.

—Clarion-Ledger.

Last week we saw a beer truck loaded with large tin containers. We understand that the beer interests gather these up and use them for beer bottle caps.

Yet the housewives are asked to save their tin cans for war use.

Why the discrimination?

Frankly, we have no burning desire to urge housewives to save the less desirable tin cans while the cream of the crop goes to the brewers.

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IT SEEMS THAT THE TITLE OF ARCHBISHOP SPELLMAN IS STILL TOO INCLUSIVE

For instance, on Sunday morning, September 19, at 10:42 o'clock, we heard Jim Marion, a news broadcaster for the National Broadcasting Company, state that Archbishop Spellman, military vicar of the United States Armed Forces, had given permission, etc.

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Every Christian and certainly every pastor should be interested in "Spurgeon's Sermons on the Second Coming," condensed and edited by David Otis Fuller, pastor of Wealthy Street Baptist Temple, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The author dedicates the book to the Baptist ministers throughout the world, who like Spurgeon, have steadfastly refused to bow the knee to the Baal of modernism . . . and who boldly and consistently proclaim the Book . . . It is published by Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The price is \$1.25.

Selected Editorial

Each week we will publish what we consider one of the best editorials coming to our attention.—Editor.

MINISTERS' SALARIES

During recent years, we have heard a great deal about increasing the compensation for labor. Almost every type of worker is now enjoying a larger income than a few years ago. This we are glad to see, for the situation needed improvement and undoubtedly still does in many cases. We are wondering whether or not the churches have given adequate consideration to the needs of their pastors. While we have heard of some increases in their salaries, yet the number is not large. That means that pastors are endeavoring to live on the salaries agreed upon by the churches several years ago, before the tremendous rise in the cost of living came with the addition of crushing taxation. Frankly, we do not see how some of these good men are able to make ends meet. We know of both country and city pastors who never received an adequate salary during the better days, although they were worthy to do so. How these men are living now it is hard to conceive.

Pastors generally will not put forth the required effort to get themselves properly compensated economically. They have no union or bargain medium. Would it not be well for boards of trustees and church members to give consideration to the needs of their pastors and survey what may be done toward rendering them better able to make ends meet? Do not wait until the war is over, for if there is a need it is surely now. A pastor who is compelled by his church to worry over the matter of paying his bills is impaired in the performance of his duties and limited in the equipment he is able to acquire to render himself the most effective minister possible. If the pastor's salary has not been revised upward for several years, it is certainly time to do it now.—Watchman-Examiner.

Contributed Editorial

BY INVITATION OF THE EDITOR
By this means we hope to give our readers a cross section of Mississippi Baptist thought.

WHEN SILENCE IS CRIMINAL

There are times when to speak is a crime, and also we are guilty of saying, as well as doing things that are injurious to ourselves, to our children, or to our friends a wound may be inflicted that may be extremely painful and sometimes tragic.

On the other hand, silence is often a crime and extremely so. To know of dangers ahead for others and give no warning to those endangered indeed is criminal. As watchmen we are responsible for others when dangers confront them and we keep silent.

Again we find others in circumstances in which they cannot help themselves nor even make protest against undesirable surroundings. If they should, they would be so in the

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minority that it would be futile. In this group, we find so many of our fine Christian boys who have gone forth from Christian homes and Christian influence into the armed service of their country. In and around the camps to which they have gone, we find very undesirable conditions. Intoxicating drinks are being sold and these fine boys enticed and encouraged to indulge in its use by the leaders over them, by drinking ones among them, and sad to say, by our national leaders. This encouragement and approval has led many and will lead many more of our fine boys to drink, though they never tasted liquor before, thus making of them drunkards, adulterers, whoremongers and such like.

Just an example to show the conditions that are found around our camps. A friend visiting his son in camp found signs in front of liquor joints stating that civilians must buy liquor other than Saturday and Sunday since service men would then have priority. Also the papers stated recently that civilian consumption of whiskey and beer would have to be cut 15% so that your boy and mine might have more, if in the service.

Of course, we know it is destroying disease resistance energy and worse than all, throws wide open the bars to moral resistance, bringing out the brute nature in man.

I have a boy in the armed service of his country, and as his father I am proud for him to serve. I love my boy and I love my country. Being his father and friend to the other fine boys in service, it is criminal for me to keep silence and not make protest against the appalling conditions we find in and around our camps. I am now raising my voice in protest and appeal to the fathers and mothers of all service boys to do the same.

When these boys are called into service they have no say as to the conditions and influences they may be subjected to. It is as much your duty and mine to protest against these conditions as it would be if our children were under school teachers who taught that whiskey was good for them, and encouraged them to drink. We would not hesitate to protest or even raise a fight against it. When our national leaders have sold out to liquor interests and our boys are being victimized by these demons, how is it that we can sit idly by like spineless jellyfish and allow it to continue without even lifting our voices?

Someone has said, "Well, what can I do as an individual?" If enough individuals of a church are willing to protest, and enough churches, enough associations, enough conventions, enough conferences or assemblies act together it would influence our national leaders.

As it is, we are losing at home that which our boys are fighting for—the right to live and govern ourselves without being dictated to by deceiving, money-loving, power-loving, insane demons. This is the case with America today with alcoholic interests sitting in the saddle.

When our boys return home, and many of them are, should we find them developed into drunkards and

LABOR AND PRAYER

We often wonder how the American workers feel as they roll out the tanks, airplanes and guns—the results of their toil. That there are many earnest Christians among the workers is evident. They all know that these engines of war are being manufactured to kill and to destroy. And yet they know the emergency demands such implements of force. Pilot Captain William R. Pritchard reports the strange story of a prayer. Scribbled on the side of a bomber delivered to him in North Africa from the United States was this message: "God bless the crew of this plane. I will say a prayer for your safe return." That same bomber has successfully completed nineteen perilous missions to date without a single member of the crew being wounded. And here is what Captain Pritchard has to say: "We (the crew) think there's something to that little prayer. After all, if it were just luck, the old law of averages would have ruled us out long ago. There have been all too many times when something above and beyond our armored protection and skill has pulled us through." This rugged illustration shows that there abides in American hearts a true interest in human beings which overtops their pride in mechanical production. Where Christian faith is active, it leads to reverence, prayer, and hope. This type of blessing is more in keeping with our anxious mood than the roisterous and sensual send-offs which accompany so many launchings of ships and similar war events. Prayer is the great human link the world around, and even in this war more things may be wrought by prayer than this world dreams of.—Watchman-Examiner.

adulterous, can we face them with clear consciences when we have kept silence? If we have raised our voices against these conditions and they are not remedied, then and only then can we blame our national leaders. If this conflict is prolonged on account of America's stand on these matters and her forgetfulness of God, and I am afraid it will be under present conditions, and more and more of our boys die on the battlefield it will be at the cost of silence on your part and mine. President Woodrow Wilson did not hesitate to declare emergency prohibition. So could President Roosevelt speak today and liquor would be taken from struggling American sons.

Unless we are willing to plead with God to forgive us of our sins of neglect as well as actions, and in the interests of our boys and our country, we have no right to ask God for victory; can praying people afford to pray a just and holy God to give victory to an army of alcoholics? That is what it seems our country is trying to develop.

In the name of a just and holy Savior, and for the sake of humanity in the future, let us lift our voices to our national leaders and to God that these conditions against our boys and our country, that God may not lay the blame to our account.

I hope and pray that our associations and convention may take action in this matter. Let us not be afraid to let our voices be heard at Washington, and by so doing live in the future with a clear conscience.—P. H. Young.

WHY I GO TO CHURCH
W. W. Hamilton
Gentilly Baptist Church
New Orleans, La.

A business man in New Orleans who is a member of the Gentilly Baptist Church gave a talk to a group of his business companions on church going. It so pleased me that I asked him to give me a copy. Maybe it will help others.

"I go to church because I have an appointment with God. He set the date 1900 years ago when he said, 'Assemble yourselves.' With this command ringing in my ear I do not need church bells. True, I meet Him in other places. All I have to do is stop, look, and listen. He is there, but I can only wave, 'Good Morning,' and pass on, but Sunday is by special appointment. I cannot afford to miss it.

"I go to church because I have three growing children, and I feel sure that their lives will be different because of the fact that their 'Daddy' believed in something greater than himself.

"I need my church because it helps me to have a sane perspective. It renews my faith in humanity. It keeps alive those spiritual perspectives which all too often are almost smothered under the week's load of grinding events.

"By going to church I am made to realize that I have the complete responsibility for making or breaking some individuals. Wonderful books have been written on proper feeding, but no book ever written matches the Bible's teaching on how to become a decent human being. The church takes for its text the Bible, and for its model Jesus Christ.

"I go to church because there is beauty in any church service, and food for thought in every sermon. The hurry of existence leaves little enough of time for the finest thing, for contemplation, from which creative ideas arise. Going to church is one of the vital necessities."

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SHALL LIQUOR DEFEAT
AMERICA?

In a recent issue of the "New York Times" an editorial calls attention to the fact that the United States is consuming nearly 2,000,000,000 gallons of alcoholic liquor annually. The over-the-counter sales approximate \$4,000,000,000 to say nothing of bootleg liquor sales. Continuing, the editor says the nation is losing \$20,000,000,000 yearly in diminished efficiency of drunken workers and executives, \$50,000,000,000 in decreased production, and \$15,000,000,000 a year in booze-crazed crime.

The Times concludes:

"What it boils down to is that, in a crisis which we all admit and proclaim requires and will require our utmost ability, effort, economy, and sacrifice of non-essentials, we are almost literally pouring into the sewer more than its equivalent in cost and getting nothing in return, unless imaginary pink elephants are something. In the long list of mistakes which mar the execution of our defense program, there is surely none deserving of a higher place than this.

"The United States is the only major power affected by the war which has taken no steps to curtail the consumption of intoxicating liquor as a measure for increasing efficiency in

OUR GOD ANSWERS PRAYER
Ernest O. Sellers
Baptist Bible Institute

During the summer of 1918, while working in the army training camps of Great Britain, I visited the famous George Mueller Orphanages at Bristol. I was shown an oak table where I was informed Mr. Mueller used to open the Word of God and claim His promises, with this added comment, "Mr. Mueller has been dead for years but the same promises are being honored by God for us who now sit about this table."

It is of record that Mr. Mueller began his world renowned labors by secretly praying that God would enable him to erect a monument in brick and stone evidence, to an unbeliefing world, that God answers prayer. The history of that great enterprise reveals how well God honored that petition.

Soon after coming to the Baptist Bible Institute in the fall of 1919, with that visit fresh in my memory, I was strongly and strangely impressed to offer a prayer to God that He would raise up on the campus of the Institute, in a city where false or perverted religious faiths so prevail and sin greatly bounds, a material monument, evidence to a skeptical world, that our God still answers prayer. Many times in our faculty meetings, in chapel exercises and in public addresses this petition has been mentioned. By one at least it has been an almost daily prayer for over twenty-four years. There were times when our faith wavered, and we nearly gave way to our fears. But still we prayed on.

The recent announcement made by President Duke K. McCall that the Institute is now free of debt is for me the evident answer to our prayers, and this testimony is to acknowledge our thanksgiving and praise. Truly we worship a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. We trust this experience may encourage all of us as we are now facing such perilous days and conflicting problems.

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OUTLAWING BEER AND WINE AT
MERIDIAN RESULTS IN
LESS CRIME

The progress made in Meridian and Lauderdale county law enforcement since the outlawing of sales of wine and liquors figures in a similar election issue in Clovis, New Mexico, it was learned.

Edward Dillon of Clovis contacted Mayor Clint Vinson and Chief of Police Cecil Currie.

The statement of the police chief: "Our arrest docket shows an approximate 50 per cent decrease in arrests for drunkenness. The records also show that minor crime in Meridian has decreased by a marked extent. . . . Army officials state that this city's infection rate, as regards venereal disease, has shown great improvement."—Clarion-Ledger.

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production.

"The government is calling on its citizens to make unprecedented sacrifices for victory, and this is right!"—Pastors' Round Table, via The Baptist Standard.

Mississippi Woman's Missionary Union

Recording Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Simmons, Jackson, Miss.
Community Missions—Mrs. Lavin Boyles, Laurel, Miss.
Vice-President—Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, Miss.

President—Mrs. J. H. Street, Hazlehurst, Miss.
Executive Secretary—Miss Fannie Taylor
Young People's Secty.—Miss Edwina Robinson

Miss Study—Mrs. W. A. Bell, Jackson, Miss.
Margaret Fund Trustee—Mrs. D. R. Bowen, Cleveland, Miss.
Training School Trustee—Mrs. O. T. Robinson, Centreville.

ENLISTMENT

Enroll: This morning as I came to the office the city bus picked up school children at every stop; they were on their way to the various schools to be enrolled by their respective teachers for the coming school session. That means each school girl or boy who has classified for the coming session was enlisted for the school term and will be expected to attend every school day and meet all classes.

As we analyze the work of Woman's Missionary Union, we realize one of our greatest weaknesses is the lack of proper enlistment. For several years enlistment was one of the six fundamentals of Woman's Missionary Union but this year it has become a part of each of the five fundamentals: Prayer, Study, Tithes and Offerings, Missionary Education of Young People and Community Missions—To enlist our women and young people (1) prayer, etc.

If your name is enrolled in the Missionary Society are you active in individual and united prayer? Have you enlisted your family in family worship? Is your society weak in that you have failed to enroll your women and young people in our great prayer program?

Need: Moses used good psychology in his second attempt to enlist Hobab to journey with the children of Israel on their way to the promised land. He said, "Pray do not leave us for you know where we can camp in the desert; come and be a pair of eyes for us, and as the Eternal prosers us, so will we prosper you." He showed Hobab that he had a need for him in this journey. As we attempt to enlist our unenlisted women and young people in our great missionary program do we show them that we have a special task for them that perhaps no one else is fitted to do? What a blessing that special task will become to that particular person.

Labored: Has your society labored to gain its 10 per cent net increase in membership during this year? Have you enlisted one-third of your membership in the study of the missionary message of the Bible and World Missions? Have you worker for a 10 per cent increase in tithers during this year? Have you gained new subscriptions for our missionary magazines? Have you gained any new young people's organizations during the year? These are some of the gains that should be made through our enlistment program.

Influence: Peter's spiritual influence was so great at one time that the people brought forth the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that at the least the shadow of Peter passing by might over-shadow some of them. Has your missionary interest and activity inspired some other woman to resolve to enlist in your organization, that she may be of

more value to the Kingdom of our Lord? If we become saturated with the spirit of missions, our influence will become contagious and will leaven the whole group of women with whom we associate.

Searching: Too long we have waited for the unenlisted woman to come and join our societies voluntarily. During these unusual days people are moving from one community to another and we are losing an opportunity by not searching out these newcomers and sharing with them the privilege of becoming one of us in making Christ known through our united prayer, study and gifts. Search for the eligible women in your community.

Then there are the neighboring churches without organization. We still have more churches without a missionary society than with societies. Are we willing to share our time and interest with these women that have not been working with us?

Testing: The proof of the pudding is the eating thereof: so the test of our real interest in the great commission is shown by the way we manifest Christian fellowship in our own communities. If our missionary organizations are not busy winning souls and gaining other spiritual results in our community through the enlistment of all women and young people it isn't worth propagating.

So let us E-N-L-I-S-T all our prospects in praying, studying, and giving "That all the kingdoms of the earth may know that Thou art the Lord, even Thou only."

Is the Lord leading Mississippi Baptists to be concerned about our Indian friends in Mississippi? Read the following:

First Baptist Church Sponsors Successful Vacation Bible School, Pearl River Indian School

Under the sponsorship of the First Baptist Church of Philadelphia, the Hope, Bethany, and Canaan Choctaw Baptist Churches came together for a Vacation Bible school at Pearl River Indian school from 5 to 9 p. m., August 23-27, inclusive.

The enrollment was 86, of which number 28 were adults. There was an average attendance of 56. The attendance the last night, which was commencement night, was 81. In the group there were 28 members with 100 per cent attendance, and a copy of the Gospel of St. John was given to each of these on commencement night. Every night, buttons, on which were inscribed "Be ye doers of the Word and not hearers only," were given to the members who had brought a new member to the Bible school. In this contest Jim Gardner was recognized as having brought the most new members. The ages of the group ranged from three months to 74 years.

A very interesting phase of the work of the adults was under Mr. Davis,

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supervisor of the Pearl River school. Under his direction the men made a pulpit and tables for each of the three churches represented. The women made table scarfs for their respective churches. The materials for these were furnished by the Philadelphia church.

On Friday evening refreshments were enjoyed by the members of the Bible school, the workers, and the various visitors.

Highlights of the Bible school were messages brought each evening to the entire group. On Monday evening Miss Marjorie Franks made a chalk talk, "The Old Rugged Cross." Rev. Riley Munday brought the message on Tuesday evening, and Rev. Walter McCraw spoke on Wednesday evening. Thursday evening Mr. E. E. Givans, superintendent of the Tucker Indian service, spoke to the group. The concluding message on Friday evening was brought by Dr. Walter L. Johnson, pastor of the Philadelphia First Baptist Church.

Mr. L. E. Cliburn, who is in charge of the Indian work in the Baptist Association, originated the plan for carrying on the Choctaw Indian Bible school at Pearl River.

Mrs. E. S. Cole was superintendent of the Bible school, and Miss Waudine Storey was principal and teacher of the adults. Misses Marjorie Franks, Mary Jane Williams and Phylliss Johnson had charge of the Young People and Intermediates; Mrs. Claude Fleming and Mrs. Joe Germany taught the Primary group. Miss Gladys Darby and Miss Mary Ruth Stribling, teachers at the Pearl River school, served as general secretaries. Miss Phylliss Johnson had charge of the music.

This Bible school was the first of its kind to be conducted here and it is considered to have been a great success.

BR "ONE MORE PAYMENT AND SHE'S MINE"

Brotherhood Urges Fine Arts Building

The Baptist Brotherhood of the South proposes to see to it that the "Debtless Denomination by 1943" program to free the denomination from debt this year goes through.

Lawson H. Cooke, general secretary of the Brotherhood, made that plain at the assembly when he summarized the work done by the laymen's group at their conference at Ridgecrest, and said that on Layman's Day, October 17, the men of the churches throughout the South will "drag a net" across the Convention and clear out the debt, which, it is estimated, will stand at something more than \$100,000 at that time.

The Brotherhood group here also asked for an option on the contributing of \$25,000 with which to erect on the Ridgecrest grounds a Fine Arts building, plans for which will soon be drawn up and presented to the administrative group. It is thought that action on the proposition will be taken December 9 and 10, when the

MINISTERIAL MUSINGS

This is a story about a former member of this church whom some of you knew well. It was nearly twenty-five years ago when I was making the rounds of the district association in the fall of the year. I had been impressed that the message immediately needed was the Bible teaching about giving the Lord the tenth of our income. I passed through Brookhaven on my way to an association at Meadville. There I gave some experiences of my own and other people in the matter of giving.

When the meeting closed in the afternoon a brother whom I had never met before came and said, "I want you to come to Lucien and make that same talk. I know what you said is true, and our people need it. When can you come? If you come out to Brookhaven in the afternoon, you can come out to Lucien in time for an evening service. I will have a good congregation at the church and if you have to get back to Jackson that night I will drive you to Brookhaven in time to catch the fast train."

I told him I would come on Wednesday night of the next week. He had the folks there and I made to them the talk on tithing. Then he took me in his car and brought me to Brookhaven. As we drove along he told me the reason for wanting me to come.

He said, "I lived a few years ago in Brookhaven. I was a member of the First Baptist Church, but I didn't do much. I didn't know much about giving. The first thing I knew the Lord took me by the heels and turned me topsy turvy. He shook out all the money I had. I was without a job and all I had was a home and my wife and children."

"I realized then for the first time that I had been robbing God, and that was why I had lost what I had. I promised the Lord that if He would help me, from this on I would give Him a tenth of what I made. I went to the bank to find out how much money I could borrow on my home. They told me \$2500. I knew that this would not do me much good in Brookhaven. So I borrowed the money and started a little business out here in Lucien. I dealt faithfully with the Lord in giving Him a tenth of my income. He prospered me; I sold out of the business the other day for \$30,000. I've got a good paying job in Columbus, and I am moving pretty soon. It certainly does pay to give the Lord His tenth."—Brookhaven Bulletin.

state secretaries of the Brotherhood meet in Memphis.

The meeting here was attended by state secretaries and presidents, with 12 states represented. The group adopted a program of activities for 1944, including promotion of the work of various agencies of the denomination, along with closer cooperation by the Brotherhood group, the men of the churches.

GOING PLACES

Our Text: I Timothy 4:13a and 15b: "Till I come, give attendance to reading—give thyself WHOLLY to them, that thy profiting may appear to ALL." Our Motto: "Ask the people, they'll subscribe."

Marshall County Association

We do not like to attend two Associations in one day but because of the number meeting we sometimes try to do so. We reached the Marshall County Association in the middle of the afternoon. The moderator, E. L. Byrd, was just as courteous as though we had been there all day.

Other officers of the association were: Vice-moderator, J. B. Parker; clerk, Albert Myers, and treasurer, C. D. Collins.

Pastor J. B. Parker and Potts Camp church did a good job of entertaining the association. The attendance was good and the interest above the average.

Marshall county Record readers are listed as follows: BYHALIA 30; Clear Creek 3; Cornersville 3; HOLLY SPRINGS 138; Mt. Moriah 2; PLEASANT GROVE 10; POTTS CAMP 23; SLAYDEN 53; SPRING HILL 27.

Yalobusha County Association

Elim church, near Coffeeville, was the entertaining church and A. H. Childress the entertaining pastor. We warned this church that they had better adopt the EVERY FAMILY Plan soon for if they did not their new pastor, A. H. Childress, would soon lead them to do so.

The brethren rearranged their program in order that Enlistment Pastor Gaines Hightower; BTU Secretary A. J. Wilds, and Editor Goodrich could speak in the morning and hurry away to the Marshall County Association.

We could not stay for dinner but we saw enough evidence to know that they had a good one.

Even though he is away in the service, the association elected Kermit Cofer as vice moderator. Sellers Denley was elected moderator; T. T. Gooch, clerk; and L. D. Clement, treasurer.

Yalobusha county now has Record readers listed as follows: Bethel 6; COFFEEVILLE 30; New Hope 6; Oak Grove 1; OAKLAND 14; Pilgrim's Rest 8; SCOBERRY 11; SYLVARENA 14; TILLATOBIA 32; Water Valley 6; Wayside 6, and SPRING HILL 29.

Monroe County Association

The Monroe County Association was well attended and equally as well entertained by Pastor J. F. Hartley and New Prospect church. We did not get to hear all the sermon but the part we did hear was good. The preacher was John I. Berryhill.

Officers elected were: M. V. Owings, moderator; Walter Smith, assistant moderator; A. G. Taylor, clerk, and Marvin Taylor, treasurer.

The Baptist Record was given a good hearing and we have also reaped some harvest and more is promised.

Monroe county Record readers are now listed as follows: Aberdeen 9; AMORY 129; Becker 2; CENTER HILL 26; Smithville 2; Gregory Chapel 1; Central Grove 1; Athens 3.

Lee County Association

Richmond church entertained the Lee County Association with true

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND B. T. U. ATTENDANCE

	SS	BTU
First church Jackson	903	270
Calvary Jackson	788	228
Parkway Jackson	387	151
Louisville	268	36
Cross Roads (Webster)	36	
Crystal Springs	338	120
Enon (Panola)	39	37
Bethlehem (Jones)	58	59
Ackerman	92	23
New Albany	288	115

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Martha Berry, founder of the famous Berry Schools in Georgia, once told a newspaper man, when asked the secret of her great life, that her greatest asset was prayer. She had a private place of prayer on the school grounds where she went for communion with God every morning. Her buggy horse, "Rony," would pull out and stop at this place without guidance of reins or bit. One morning, when returning from the place of prayer, Miss Berry met President Theodore Roosevelt, who had come by to see her unexpectedly and to offer her a special gift of \$10,000 from a friend of his. The school was in great need of just this help, and the gift seemed to come in direct answer to prayer.—Biblical Recorder.

It is reported that a certain pastor, eager to know how his sermon sounded, had a recording of it played. The report reveals the cleric fell asleep before the sermon was half finished.

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North Mississippi hospitality.

The officers elected were: S. S. Kelly, moderator; D. D. Saterwhite, vice moderator; B. J. Estes, clerk, and P. E. Mize, treasurer.

The program was well prepared and the state workers were well received. We were given a good place to present the merits of the EVERY FAMILY Plan. Secretary McCall presented our organizational work in such a way that everybody felt like they wanted to be a missionary. An exceedingly good sermon was preached by Dr. F. M. Powell.

Lee county now has Record readers as follows: Birmingham 3; RISSELL 22; CALVARY 211; Center Hill 3; TUPELO EAST 37; Euclatuba 11; GUNTOON 16; HARRISBURG 14; NETTLETON 32; PLANTERSVILLE 58; Richmond 3; SALTILLO 40; Shannon 7; SHERMAN 69; Tupelo First 3; VERONA 47; BELDEN 26.

Lafayette County Association

We always receive a warm welcome at the Lafayette County Association and this year was no exception. Moderator B. W. Jones gave us a good place on the program. And the people seemed to like the EVERY FAMILY Plan. The church where the Association was held has already adopted it and the list has been received.

In addition to the moderator, Ira L. Hudson was elected clerk and treasurer, and W. R. Austin was elected assistant clerk.

Lafayette county now has Record readers listed as follows: CLEAR CREEK 43; Lafayette Springs 1; OXFORD 70; PARIS 6; New Prospect 2; Taylor 2; SHILOH 24; ANCHOR 18.

THE CONTINUANCE OF THE PASTORATE

C. O. Simpson, Springfield, Tenn.

How long should a man remain as pastor of a church? That question is often asked, and it needs some careful study. In a previous article, we looked at the methods which are being used by some churches in seeking for a pastor. It is little less important that our churches should also study to know the plan of God for a man, once he is settled on a field to which the Holy Spirit has led him.

I. The Call Indefinite

New Testament scripture and practice suggest nothing but the indefinite call. The annual call of pastors is harmful. God alone knows how much such practice has retarded kingdom progress. It is harmful to the pastor and to the church. It opens the door of strife and division. Most often it places the control of the pastorate in the hands of a few unworthy members. No pastor can preach the truth and fight sin and not stir up some opposition. When he bears down on sin, some will be at the annual election to vote against him, and they will usually round up the worldly element in church, who never attend or support the church, to vote with them. There are people in most every church who never darken the church door otherwise, who will be "Johnny-on-the-spot" to put the pastor out, and will not return until the next pastor is to be crucified.

Toward the end of the year, these disgruntled members will begin to complain and suggest a change of pastors. Under this pressure, the good deacons and faithful members will get their heads together and conclude, "There being some opposition, perhaps it will be best to get another pastor," and they get another pastor. They yield to such worldly element and place the control of the pastorate in their hands, and such practice is repeated year after year. Instead of turning out a pastor with conviction who dares to do his duty, those ungodly and worldly trouble makers should be turned out and the control of the pastorate placed in consecrated and worthy hands.

The annual call padlocks the mouths of pastors. It is a hard task for a poor preacher to preach himself out of a job and preach bread out of the mouths and clothes from the backs of his family. The annual call is cruel, not right and not scriptural, and should be forever abandoned.

We wonder why some of the deacons who are so insistent for the annual election of pastors are not insistent for the annual election of deacons. Some of them would raise a howl that would echo from the far-away hills if they were to be voted out at the end of the year as some pastors are. Some of them will hold on to the deaconship if paralyzed from head to foot, unable to attend meetings and regardless of how much complaint is made against them. "O consistency, thou art a jewel!"

The indefinite call is helpful. It enables the pastor to learn his people and his field. It does not keep him in constant dread and uncertainty and on the look-out for another field. Pastor and church can plan ahead. A worthy program can be put on. Constructive work can be done. A happy and helpful relationship can

SERGEANT ALVIN YORK

"I used to drink liquor, drank it for 10 years, drank it until I broke the hearts of those that loved me and prayed for me. And then one night in 1914 I knelt at the altar in a little mountain church in East Tennessee and confessed and repented of my sins. I arose from the altar a new man in Christ Jesus, and I broke with liquor forever.

"Since my conversion there are three things I have never done: I have never taken a drink of liquor; I have never smoked a cigarette; I have never sworn an oath."

Sergeant York will be remembered as the soldier who disarmed and brought in 153 German prisoners in the first World War.—From "Progress," by Clinton Howard.

be formed. Church and pastor can be saved from many unpleasant experiences and the church can be delivered from worldly and designing religious politicians.

II. Continuing Pastorate

The continuance of the pastorate depends on many things. The good of the cause should always be a determining factor. Private and personal interests must yield to this factor. Pastor and church are both to be considered. Is the pastor worthy and measuring up to the needs of the church? Or is there merely a factional desire for a change of pastors? A fruitful pastorate should never be discontinued on account of the selfish desire of some worldly members, who seem always to have a mania for a new preacher.

Normally, an extended pastorate is best. Churches do not thrive on short pastorates. Much church efficiency and rich possibilities are lost in the constant changing of pastors. A proper conception of the pastorate will adjust the matter. The Holy Spirit should, and will, say when a pastorate should end, if church and pastor will let Him.

III. The Conclusion of the Pastorate

This is a particular matter. Too many pastorates are concluded in a hurtful, painful and even shameful way. The conclusion of a pastorate demands serious thought. It calls for an abundance of the Christian spirit on the part of both pastor and members. It should be done handsomely, that mutual affection may not be lessened and that mutual confidence may not be weakened. What a pity, and what an example, for the ending of a pastorate to be clouded and chilled by unkindness and courtesy! The pastorate should always end in fairness to both church and pastor. It should end so that it may continue to bear fruit and the remembrance of it may ever be sweet.

The pastorate will end right, if under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The fact, above all facts, to remember is that the Holy Spirit should have the leadership in the forming of a pastorate, in the continuance of it and in the conclusion of it. If He does, there will be no scars made in the pastorate and none left in the conclusion of it. How beautiful and tender should be the ending of an extended and happy pastorate!—Western Recorder.

—BR—

Mail Christmas packages to soldiers overseas before October 15.

**GRIPSHOLM WILL BRING
INTERNE MISSIONARIES**
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should be allowed for a letter. Postage is 40 cents per half ounce. Letters should be addressed to the repatriate % American Embassy, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil."

It is suggested that letters to Port Elizabeth and Rio be marked "For the Gripsholm."

When They Arrive

When the Gripsholm arrives in New York Southern Baptist missionaries will be met by Dr. M. T. Rankin, secretary for the Orient of the Southern Baptist Board. He will have with him sufficient funds to meet the needs of the repatriates. Reservations for the returning missionaries are being made at the Prince George Hotel, 14 E. 28th Street, New York City. Any wives who are going to meet their husbands may write me and I shall be glad to make reservations for them. Others who are planning to meet the Gripsholm are requested not to write this office for reservations but to make them direct. We do not know the date of the arrival of the Gripsholm in New York—you will be advised when we receive this information.

**Eight Missionaries in the
Philippines**

We regret that the eight Southern Baptist missionaries who were studying at Baguio cannot be included in the forthcoming exchange. Mr. Earl Parker and Miss Sallie James were included because they were transients caught in Manila by the outbreak of war. We hope that they may bring news of those left in the Philippines.

—BR—

**NEWS FOR THE MEN IN
THE SERVICE**

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thusiastically for a repeat. One said: "I have just read your paper. It was almost like a visit home. Hurry up with another." A second, from England: "My whole platoon read your paper, and enjoyed it. Do it again." Neither of these boys was a member of my congregation. Some said: "Glad to have the announcement of your revival. I know you had a good one, as you always do. Some day I'll be back in Plantersville to go to church."

These letters not only encourage me to make the paper at least a bi-monthly from now on, but to spend some effort gathering news items that will interest all the boys. With my next edition I am sending a separate sheet containing a digest of one of my Sunday morning sermons. I felt that other pastors might like to try something similar. It costs money and time, but one of the boys sent me a personal contribution of \$20. It is worth what it costs.

—BR—

**A CALL FOR SPIRITUAL
AWAKENING**

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the church's organizations.

Surely we can count on all our Southern Baptist people, especially the pastors, superintendents, teachers, and other leaders in this supremely important enterprise.

"Expect great things from God. Attempt great things for God."

—BR—

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THE NAZI RELIGION

"Adolf Hitler is the true Holy Ghost."—Hans Kerrl, Nazi minister of church affairs, June 1, 1935.

"Everything that Hitler utters is religion."—Joseph Goebbels, March 29, 1936.

"The National Reich Church—remove from all altars the crucifix, the Bible and all holy pictures. On the altar will be our holy book—Mein Kampf—and on its left a sword."—Program of National Church Reich, October, 1941.

"The whole man, body and soul, belongs to the German state. The state has taken all matters of faith into its control."—National Socialistic Monarchsche, Sept. 1939.

"If it is considered that our country needs a religious faith, then, I say, let it be converted to a belief in the religion of imperialism—in a word, to emperor worship."—Baron Oura, ex-minister of agriculture and commerce, June, 1942.

"The teaching of mercy and love of one's neighbor is foreign to the German race, and the Sermon on the Mount is an ethic for cowards and idiots."—Nazi textbook, "Bolshevism in the Bible," by Hans Hauptmann, page 78.

"In place of Christianity we must install a new ideal based on the fundamentals of Nazism, which would exalt the principle of racial supremacy and be founded on the power and strength of Hitler."—Hitler youth pamphlet, Max Schmidt, Vice Gauleiter Wettberg.

"The unlimited exercise of brute force can be made the mother of civilization."—Tatsuo Kawai, The Goal of Japanese Expansion (1938), page 74.

Editor's note: For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

"HE GOT ONE LOAD"

Some years ago, it was my privilege to hold three revival meetings for three years in succession in Shady Grove church in this county. The last night of the meeting, it was my privilege with the pastor to spend the night in a good home where we were hospitably entertained. All were up early the next morning and I supposed they were astir preparing to go to church.

But after a bit the father of the household came to the pastor with evident embarrassment and said, "Brother M—, I'm mighty sorry, but we can't go to church today. I have a meadow which is just ripe for cutting and I just have to stay at home and make hay today. I am depending on this to pay my doctor's bill. This is my only chance."

The pastor replied somewhat as follows: "Brother Blank, if you have talked to the Lord about it, and think this is what He wants you to do, of course it will be all right with me. It is a matter purely between you and the Lord." He stayed at home and the whole family was absent from church that day, the closing day of the meeting in which so much of the results of the meeting were to be

Washington, D. C.—Bishop Hans Fuglsang Damgaard, primate of the Danish Lutheran Church, has refused to convey to Copenhagen clergymen a "request" by German authorities that mention of or prayers for Norwegians be avoided in Danish churches.

garnered in.

A year later I went back to help again in the annual revival, the first Sunday in August as usual. There was a good congregation, for the people were in expectation as the Lord had added 36 to the church the year before. The spirit of the Lord was on the people.

At the close of the morning service, I noticed the brother and his wife above referred to lingering near the pulpit. It was evident that she had something on her mind, and he was interested, too. It developed that it was not merely on their minds but on their consciences, for as we walked out the back door she opened the conversation.

She said, "Do you remember we had a very bad rain that evening?" And I remembered that, too. She said, "That rain washed away every bit of that hay, and we didn't get any of it." Her husband interposed and said, "Yes, we got one load." And she said, "Yes, and you sold it and never collected a cent for it."

All the preacher could say was, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you." But she had preached the sermon before I added the text.

You might remember this when something comes up which tempts you to put something else above your obligations to your church.—P. I. Lipsey, in Brookhaven Church Bulletin.

**QUISLING OFFERS PULPITS TO
TEACHERS**

Stockholm (By Wireless to RNS)—The shortage of Quislingist clergymen in Norway is becoming so critical that Nazi authorities are offering pulpits to school teachers. Volunteers will receive the full pay of a minister along with their regular teaching salaries.

One of the first teachers to take advantage of the offer is Knut Hoel, headmaster of an Oslo school, who has just been ordained to the ministry by the Quislingist bishop of Oslo, Lars Froeyland.

A characteristic example of the bitter opposition of the Norwegian people toward Quisling clergymen occurred at Grong, Troendelag, when a Nazi sympathizer succeeded the local vicar who had been banished for refusing to obey a church department decree prohibiting the offerings of prayers for the royal family.

At the Quislingist clergyman's first service, only five parishioners appeared. Later, the church sexton announced his resignation. When the banished vicar, however, arrived at the station to begin his exile, thousands of churchgoers had gathered to assure him of a rousing welcome on his return.

A similar event occurred at Roestad where the Norwegian Missionary Society had arranged a meeting in the local school house. As the services were about to begin a Quisling-ordained minister commandeered the school and launched into a sermon.

Nearly a thousand participants immediately left the premises. They reconvened later in an open-air meeting presided over by a rebel clergyman. The Quislingist continued his address before an audience of seventeen persons.

MODERATORS . . .

Gas rationing, travel difficulties and manpower shortages this year make it difficult for the editor of *The Baptist Record* to attend very many of our District Associations. This is a great disappointment to him. He will do his best, under present conditions, to attend as many as possible.

BUT . . .

We are asking the enlistment pastors to represent us. Please give him time to explain the EVERY FAMILY PLAN.

IF . . .

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Our circulation continues to grow. Most of our growth is due to the large number of churches adopting the EVERY FAMILY Plan. But some still subscribe individually. Please see that someone is appointed (if the enlistment pastor is not present) to receive such subscription.

And if possible see that someone explains the EVERY FAMILY Plan.

We thank all of you now for the help you are going to give *The Baptist Record*.

**A. L. GOODRICH,
Editor**

A FATHER WRITES HIS
SOLDIER SON

(The inclosed letter is a copy of a mimeographed one sent, or given, to the boys of the Sixth Regiment at Fort McClellan, Ala., by their chaplain, Jesse L. Yelvington. It was so good that I thought you might like to publish it.)

Dear Son:

Your mother and I have just finished reading your letter. Thank you for writing immediately. We miss you very much.

Although this is not the first time you have been away from us, it is natural that under the circumstances we should be solicitous. I am just now in position to understand the feelings of my parents when I followed the flag to France almost a quarter century ago. It is my concern—born of my own experience—that leads me to write you this lengthy letter, with the prayer that it may add a measure of strength to your Christian manhood in the hours of peril that lie ahead of you.

You will soon learn that many of your commanding officers are Christian gentlemen of the first order. But others of them are disposed to wink at the moral lapses of their men, so long as they are effective as soldiers. You will find that morally you are largely on your own.

Your mother and I are leaning heavily upon the training which we gave you during your formative years. We have every confidence that you will commit no act while in the armed forces that will cast the least shadow of reproach upon the good name of your home. But I know that it is no easy thing for a young man to live at his noblest and best in the atmosphere of war. Indeed, you will find it impossible, if you rely upon your own strength alone.

Let me urge you, therefore, to take time each day for the reading of your Bible and for prayer. It isn't necessary that you parade your devotions before your comrades in arms. But on the other hand, there isn't a reason under the sun why you should be ashamed to pray. As you grow older you will find that the praying men and women know God. And you will find fellows in the service who pray.

Get acquainted with your chaplain. He may not be of your own faith; but if your chaplain is a God-called minister of Jesus Christ, he will respect your denominational convictions, and you will discover a vast area of spiritual interest in common. When you need counsel about your personal problems, consult him. He has been trained to render that service, and the probability is that he can give you vital help when no one else can. Of course, we are counting on your regular attendance upon divine service of worship.

Use your opportunities to speak a good word for Jesus Christ. Your mother and I have every confidence that you are a Christian, and that you love sincerely the Savior who died for our sins. Remember always that your supreme loyalty belongs to Him. All about will be men who have not known what it is to be saved. Do it discreetly, but don't fail to help lost men to find God.

We are counting on you mightily to keep yourself clean. You will be a long way from home before this war

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

Let's go back down the pathway of time and ask who was responsible for Adam and Eve eating the forbidden fruit. As we read the scripture we find that God had warned them of the danger and told them the price that they would have to pay. We find that they took the fruit and ate it of their own free will, and they did not need it for they had all that one could wish for. They ate and paid the price.

So we find it on down through the ages that when man turns his back on God he does it of his own free will after he has been warned not to do it and knows the price he will have to pay. So it is with you and me today. When we rebel and turn our backs on God we do it after we have been warned. We have been told the price we will have to pay.

I have been traveling the highway of life a long time. I am an old man. Many times I have seen folks that have turned their backs on God and now they find that all they have received for serving Satan is worthless.

—Joe Goodyear, Roxie, Mississippi.

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is over. Female camp followers are numerous in some places especially on pay day. The temptation may be strong to let down in your standards, on the grounds that none will be the wiser, and that, "after all, this is war!"

If such temptations come, remember Jesus Christ. And the remembrance of your own mother who, you can be sure, will be praying every day for you, will go far to keep you strong. Then, too, you will need to remember the girl you left behind, and who, I imagine, promised to be true. Until you return, you owe it to her to keep yourself clean.

You are finding intoxicating liquor all too plentiful in this war, more's the pity! That was an evil from which our government tried to protect us in the war of 1917. But now, there is little or no stigma attached to social drinking. I hope you will leave it severely alone. Beverage alcohol never has helped anyone, and it has ruined the lives of countless thousands. Never take the first drink and you will have no trouble with the second.

Suffer me a word of warning, too, about profanity and gambling. Swearing has always impressed me as a sign of an impoverished intellect. As for gambling, a soldier's pay is none too liberal. You will need what you earn to take care of personal wants. That holds for the other fellow as well. I urge you to leave gambling devices alone.

We have every expectation that you are going to be a good soldier. We American folk are a peace-loving people and we want to win this war as quickly as possible. Give your enemy the best that you have in the arsenal.

But in it all, be Christian! There is such a thing as a Christian soldier, in the full sense of that term, and your mother and I are counting on you being just that. May God keep you.

Yours confidently,
DAD.



JAMES L. SULLIVAN ACCEPTS
BROOKHAVEN PASTORATE

As mentioned in last week's Record James L. Sullivan, for the past two years pastor at Clinton, seat of Mississippi College, has resigned in order to accept the pastorate of the First Baptist Church of Brookhaven.

During the two years' pastorate, Rev. Mr. Sullivan has endeared himself to the people of Clinton and it was inevitable that some larger church would lay hands on him.

The new Brookhaven pastor was born at Silver Creek, and spent most of his childhood and youth at Tylertown. He attended college at Mississippi College, where he received his B. A. degree. While a student there he served as president of the student body, assistant instructor, and captain of the football team. He is a graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary of Louisville, Ky. For the past two years he has served as pastor of the Clinton Baptist Church. Rev. Sullivan is a young man of poise, culture, ability and a deep desire to serve. He will make a real pastor.

The church bulletin at Clinton lists the following as some of the accomplishments during the two-year pastorate of Rev. Mr. Sullivan:

"Added to membership 522. Building debt retired and building dedicated. Organ rebuilt (Cost of \$3,500.) Lovelace Memorial Baptistry constructed. Cooling system installed (seven exhaust and four circulating fans). 150 chairs purchased. Mimeograph bought for church office. Leaded windows repaired and some re-leaded. Eighteen tables purchased. Outdoor bulletin board placed. Hand-rail placed at side entrance. Heating system repaired and improved. Bulletin boards placed in vestibules. New hymnbooks purchased for auditorium. Carpet purchased for rostrum. Maroon choir rail curtain placed. New offering plates. Choir seats elevated and recessed. Roof repaired. Service Flag dedicated. Lighting improved (220 volts now coming into building). Library location changed and improved. Church office equipped and office hours established. Church roll revised and corrected. Building locked at night when not in use. Individual offering envelope cartons to all church members. New members envelopes given to all new members (including a dozen items and helps to the new members). Letters of welcome sent to all of our visitors. Service roll kept and order placed for a Service Roll Bulletin Board for front

ATTENTION, PASTORLESS
CHURCHES

To pastorless churches within a reasonable distance of Mississippi College: I am writing in behalf of the Ministerial Association of Mississippi College. There are a number of worthy and capable ministerial students enrolled at this time who are without pastoral work.

In view of the fact that there are many pastorless churches in our state at this time, we feel that many of these preacher students could make a definite contribution to the Kingdom's work if they could be in service now. Not all of these students own automobiles, but the transportation problem could be solved if the church is located reasonably close to a bus or railroad line. The writer of this article is privileged to serve two half-time churches and does not own a car. The members of his church provide transportation to and from the depot. It is true that gas and rubber are rationed, but I am sure that enough extra gas can be found to insure the carrying on of the work of the Kingdom. All of us know that it is not profitable for a church to be long pastorless. The members of pulpit committees who read this will greatly aid those student ministers, as well as promote the work of the Kingdom, if they will contact us immediately. You may be sure that we will send you a man only after much deliberation and prayer. We recognize the fact that God calls and leads men to their fields of service, and we are only interested in getting these men before the churches. God will lead the church to select the right man.

Available for work: Donald Bennett, James Drane, Tom Gallat, Vernon Fendley, Charles Whaley, John Steen, C. A. Fortenberry, Percy Magee, Eddie Scruggs, L. W. Toney (married), Joe Hagler, R. E. Beets, V. B. Green, T. H. Thornell, E. E. Kelly, J. J. Horton (married), Eugene Roberts, Marcus Alexander, J. T. Holston, Stanley Smith, Devee Hillman, Randle Corkern and J. E. West (married).

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Morton, Sept. 4—Milben Rogers, son of B. C. Rogers of Morton, was signally honored at Camp Ridgecrest for boys at Ridgecrest, North Carolina, at the close of camp, when he was named the outstanding boy in the camp. The camp was attended by hundreds of youths from all sections of the nation.

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Olive Branch, Miss., Aug. 29—Jack Merrill, who will soon become a navy chaplain, was ordained Thursday night in services at State Line Baptist Church. Fourteen ministers and deacons participated in the services. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Merrill, and a student at Mississippi College.—Commercial Appeal.

vestibule. Order given for name of church to be placed over entrance in twelve-inch gold letters. Some rooms were painted. Sunday school maps and 18 blackboards put in classrooms. Student Center arranged and equipped in church building. Contributed by our members to the Blue Mountain Endowment, \$1,823.60. Given through Now Club \$2,153.58. Given through Cooperative Program \$5,069.92. Given through 100M Club \$580.57. Given to designated causes \$4,291.17.

Touching The Bases

By Fred R. Langley
Soldiers, Sailors, Defense Projects Service

THE HARD ROAD AHEAD—Last Tuesday a war correspondent sent these lines back to America from the hard battle on Salerno beachhead: "We must face the facts. We have lost the initiative which we have held for two days." We quote from the National Legionnaire, the voice of the American Legion printed two weeks earlier: "The hard fighting days have just started. The month of preliminary preparation are behind us. Now the Allied powers with organized armies fully equipped are on the advance."

It is probable that all the news within the next few months will not be good news. Hard days are ahead—days and perhaps weeks of the hardest kind of fighting as well as slow advances. From now on it must be a victory march, but it will be a HARD one and we must prepare for lengthy casualty lists. No, the war is not over. It has just begun, and we must face the truth. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."—Eph. 6:12.

"INCOCGNITO SQUADRON"—This group of Dutch flyers trained at the Jackson Army Air Base in our own state capital are Dutch refugees with relatives in the Dutch Islands, now occupied by the Japs. This squadron is based in Australia and the report comes back that they are fighting the invaders and are confident they will eventually free their homeland. These young men know what it means to lose home, loved ones, and all earthly possessions. Chaplain and Mrs. Gerrit H. Rientjes, whose home many of these men have visited in while training, know the story of their heartaches.

CAMP SHELBY—The first person known to be of Japanese ancestry to be commissioned as chaplain in the U. S. Army has arrived in this state, and has assumed his duties with the Japanese-American combat team. He is First Lieut. Masoa Yamada of Kealakekua, Hawaii. "God and guns will win for the United Nations," says this chaplain.

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22 CATHOLIC CHAPLAINS
ONLY FOUR BAPTIST

On another page is found a short account of the recent graduating exercise of the chaplains at the College of William and Mary. There were forty-eight graduates. We call the attention of our readers to the fact that of these forty-eight: 22 are Catholics; 8 Methodists; 6 Lutherans; 4 Baptists; 3 Presbyterians; 2 Disciples of Christ; 2 Jewish, and 1 Congregational Christian. Practically 50% of these chaplains are Catholic. We believe in fair play but we do not believe that 50% of the population of the personnel or of the population of the United States is Catholic.

WHAT IS A COLLEGE FOR, ANYHOW?

Dr. Robt. Maynard Hutchins, president of the University of Chicago, is quoted in the New York Times as saying:

"To develop the educational aspects of the English system, with separate faculties, separate libraries, and to some extent separate courses of study, is far too expensive for the West. The direction which higher education may take there, particularly in the metropolitan universities, seems more likely to be toward the Continental or Scottish scheme, under which little effect is made to arrange, supervise or control the living habits of students, and the entire attention of the institution is devoted to giving them the best teachers that can be found.

"Any such development in the West will require, of course, some changes in the attitude of our constituency. Higher learning in America now calls for a large amount of nursing. Universities have developed the idea in parents or parents have forced it on the universities that the institution is in some way responsible for the moral, social, physical and intellectual welfare of the student. This is very nice for the parents; it is bad for the universities, for besides being expensive, it deflects them from their main task, which is the advancement of knowledge.

"Parents whose children have neither character nor intellectual interest should keep them at home or send them to another kind of institution. Whatever may be the responsibilities of a college, a university is not a custodial establishment or a church, or a body-building institute. If it were free to stop behaving as though it were it would be a better university."

Here is a frank, even brutally frank, statement of the basic reason for continuing and strengthening the Christian college and university!

What Dr. Hutchins decries, Blue Mountain College continues. It is not enough for a college to train one for life. A complete education also prepares a young person for eternity.

Those believing in Blue Mountain College's purpose may speed its perfection by donating liberally to its endowment fund. Churches may do so by taking offerings in September, October, and November.

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B. S. U. OFFICERS PLAN
STATE CONVENTION

Saturday, September 4, the State B. S. U. officers held a meeting at Baptist headquarters in Jackson. Tentative plans were made for the State B. S. U. Convention to be held October 22-24 at the First Baptist Church, Jackson.

The state B. S. U. president, Carroll Izard, has gone to enter the Navy Chaplain school and both the first and second vice presidents have left the state. In this emergency it was decided to appoint someone to make plans for the convention. The appointee is Miss Frances Moss, now B. S. U. representative on the State Council and B. S. U. president at Belhaven College. The State Council is to serve as a committee to aid Miss Moss in planning for the convention.

BRANDON INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P.
U. RAISES \$91.24

Congratulations to Mrs. J. W. Davis, leader of the Intermediate B. Y. P. U. at Brandon, and to the following that are members of that Union: Bennie Eleanor Comfort, Louise Taylor, Dan Henry Kennedy, Catherine Taylor, Cotton Wood, Virginia Breazeale, James W. Ruoin, Irene Kennedy, Max Renfroe and Will Breazeale.

Reading in a recent issue of the Record the desperate need for China for relief, Mrs. Davis and her union put on a drive and a few days ago she came into the Convention Board office with \$91.24 which this fine group had raised. Again we say to others, look at this and do your best.

Waynesboro E. F. Hicks of Selmer, Tennessee, has accepted the pastorate at Waynesboro. He succeeds W. A. (Slick) Greene who is now giving all his time to evangelistic meetings. L. E. Holley is the newly elected Sunday school superintendent.

Dear Baptists of Maben community: Please be present for the Sunday school and special worship hour on Sunday, September 26. Special emphasis on the Sunday school work that day. Bring your lunch and feast spiritually and materially with us.—D. M. Metts, pastor.

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TO CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEES

When the Bread of Life is now literally rationed to millions of hungry hearts throughout the world, simply for lack of funds, we cannot escape Christ's timeless command, "Give ye them to eat."

The American Bible Society is grateful for generous gifts from Southern Baptists in 1942 and 1943 which have helped us to—

1. Provide New Testaments for our Armed Forces.
2. Supply Scriptures in many languages for War Prisoners and Refugees, as well as for regular Worldwide Missions.
3. Prepare now to send large quantities of Scriptures to Europe and Asia as soon as these lands are set free.

As you plan for the coming year, please include an offering or an amount in the church budget, to be sent to your Baptist State Headquarters, designated "for the American Bible Society."

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"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you; and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem AND IN ALL JUDEA, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." Acts 1:8.

In Acts 1:8 we have the last spoken words of Jesus in the flesh! They constitute His last request as He went away!

Many professed believers have never lifted a little finger in granting His last request.

Just before a mother passes away she whispers to those nearby "I wish you would do this for me." Her last request! The family members gather in the home sometime after the body is placed in the cemetery. A daughter says "You must know mother asked us to do this for her. It was her last request." That family expends every energy in carrying out that request.

Nearly 2,000 years ago Jesus made a last request—Acts 1:8. Have you done anything about it? Have I done anything about it?

Some day we will meet him. What will we be able to say to Him about Acts 1:8?

A little girl out of a fine home came with the question, "Brother McCall, is it all right for me to join the church?" This happened during a revival series—Judean missions. It was a joy to have conversation with her and later see her publicly confess Christ.

We were engaging in a little Judean missions down on the Coast. The situation was rather difficult. Yet, on Sunday morning we saw five persons walk the aisles for Christ, and Sunday evening we saw five others do the same thing. Five were for baptism and five by letter.

Within one busy week one of your State missionaries saw a fine business man confess Christ in a Meridian church; saw five persons step out for Christ at Biloxi; and saw three additions to the church at Picayune, one of them for baptism.

In a community where one of our fine college professors was reared, the Baptist church was allowed to die. The Presbyterians carried on. Last year Mississippi Baptist Judean missions revived our work to the glory of God.

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Sunday School Department

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MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary

Hurrah For Lauderdale!!!

Yes, Lauderdale did it! Lauderdale Association did the unusual, but they did it just the same! Did what?

Had a Vacation Bible school in every church in the association this year!

Only one other association has ever had a Vacation Bible school in every church in one year, that was George Association, which has only five Baptist churches in it.

There are 32 Baptist churches in Lauderdale Association, and there were 31 Vacation Bible schools. Two of the churches cooperated in the same school, which gives the association 100% this year in Vacation Bible schools—something that has never been done before in Mississippi in any association that has more than five churches.

This is not only unusual for Mississippi, but for the entire South as well.

We are rejoicing with them in this glorious achievement.

The reason?

Just one main reason for it, and that is the associational Sunday school superintendent, Mr. W. B. Lowry. Early in the year he wrote us that this was his goal. Frankly, we didn't believe he would make it. But he did. Our sincerest congratulations to him on the excellent leadership that led to the reaching of this most ambitious and yet worthy program.

Of course, Mr. Lowry had many loyal workers and capable helpers that rendered most valuable service in his work, but it was his plan and leadership that was in large measure responsible for the whole thing. There is no question in the mind of any one familiar with the situation but that Mr. Lowry's determination and inspiring leadership was responsible for the reaching of this most remarkable objective. We are indeed grateful for this splendid record that Lauderdale Association has given to our Mississippi 1943 Vacation Bible school program.

Attention, Primary Superintendents

Since I have been your elementary secretary one of the cries I have heard most from you is: "Where could I get home help for my Assembly programs?" We have recommended several books of programs. All of them were good. But we believe now that we have a real help for you. We have a whole year's assembly programs written by one of our own Mississippi Primary superintendents, Mrs. Barney Whitfield. Mrs. Whitfield has for a number of years been the superintendent of the Primary department of First Baptist Church, Picayune. She is one of the best in our state or in the Southland. Her department has been standard for many years. One of the secrets of the success of Mrs. Whitfield's department is her well-planned assembly programs. These programs are based on the graded Bible lessons (Southern Baptist Convention Series) for the Primary department. Mrs. Whitfield has correlated the teaching material of all three years in her programs. Concerning these programs Miss Allene

Bryan, Southwide Primary worker, says, "I have read the programs word for word and liked them very much. This superintendent has the faculty for building into her program the memory verses and other memory work that the boys and girls are learning. That seems to be one of the greatest weaknesses in our Primary department over the Southland, so I hope through the distribution of these programs other workers in Mississippi will follow this example."

With the consent of Mrs. Whitfield we in our office are mimeographing these programs for you. They will be available for you each quarter. The first quarter's programs are almost ready to be sent out. There is a certain amount of expense connected with preparing this material for you and we feel that we should give Mrs. Whitfield a little bit for her trouble, so we are charging the small sum of 50c a quarter for these programs. They are on loose leaf paper that will fit into your Plan Book, which I am sure each of you keeps. If you want a copy of the programs for this first quarter of the new Sunday school year, send 50c along with your name and address to Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson 105, Miss., and we will send the programs to you. We will let you know when the other quarter's programs are ready. There are only a limited number of these programs. If you want them you had better speak early.

Standards

We are happy to have these two Intermediate classes join the standard group for Mississippi: Eagles, Holly Springs, Dr. W. C. Sandusky, teacher; Dependables, Ellisville, Miss. Mattie Mae Viverette, teacher.

This gives us 60 standard Intermediate classes so far this year, which is by far the largest number we have ever had in any one year. The five standard Intermediate departments is also a record for us.

Our sincerest thanks to all these fine workers.

The Intermediate department at Holly Springs, Mrs. W. C. Sandusky, superintendent, has made a most splendid record by having all four of its classes standard, giving them a 100% record in this respect.

We are so grateful to Mrs. Sandusky and her noble workers on this very excellent and unusual record.

September—Last Month

Please remember that September closes this Sunday school year. This means that this is the last month for classes and departments to get standard recognition on this Sunday school year. The general school standard goes by the calendar year, but those for departments and classes by the Sunday school year. Therefore, get your class and department standard applications to us in time to get them to Nashville in September if you want them to show on this year's report.

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CHINA AND HER PEOPLE

REFORMS Continued
By T. W. Ayers
Retired Missionary

One of the difficult reforms undertaken after China had been declared a republic was to change the form of marriage which had existed in China since her existence as a nation. The plan was to have a ceremony something like that used in America and Europe.

In describing a marriage scene it applies to the non-Christian, for the Christians in China have the same marriage ceremony we have in America, but the non-Christians let a ride in the sedan chair and the worship of the groom's ancestral tablet take the place of a marriage ceremony.

The wedding day is selected about three months in advance, and a month before the day for the wedding the groom's family sends to the home of the bride five kinds of silk for the bride's trousseau, which is better treatment than brides get here in America. In addition to this is the money payment agreed on when the engagement is made. Then, too, is sent beautiful quilts, a gander and a goose, painted red, a cock and a hen. These fowls are intended as emblems of the happy pair who have never seen each other. The family of the bride retains all the gifts sent except the female fowls, which they return with a jar of wine.

On the wedding day the groom rents two sedan chairs covered with beautiful embroidered silk, carried by four men for each chair. He also employs a band. After breakfast with family and friends, the groom has the band to start up the music, the chair bearers take up the chair provided for the bride; the groom then enters his chair and the procession starts for the home of the bride. The bride, dressed in beautiful red silks and satins, with a red veil over her face so heavy that her face cannot be seen, is brought out of her room by her maids, who have great difficulty in getting her to her chair. She weeps and wails and struggles with those who would take her from her home. This is the custom and they all pretend they do not want to go. Finally she is lifted into her chair and locked in. The curtains are drawn down so that no one can see her. The band plays, the firecrackers pop, and the procession starts with the bride in front next to the band while the groom brings up the rear. They ride several blocks before reaching the home of the groom. None of the bride's family are present. An old servant in the family of the groom comes out and helps the bride out of her chair and leads her into the house. She is taken to her room, and the groom enters, and as she sits on her brick bed, with the groom standing in front of her, the bride's maid throws back the heavy red bridal veil, and for the first time the bride and groom look into each other's faces.

While the young people of China in high schools and colleges are against the old system, and their families, as a rule, are yielding to their wishes, yet probably a large majority of the families have not fallen in line with the new order; and this is due largely to the fact that they are so bound by their ancestral worship that they will agree to no change which does not include worship of the ancestral tablet.

So in China today we find in vogue both the old and the new system among the non-Christians, while in Christian families we find young men and women selecting their own mates, and having ceremonies performed in their homes and churches by Christian pastors.



DR. T. W. AYERS

The following associations meet next week:

Madison—First Baptist Church, Canton, September 28.

Bolivar—Shaw Baptist Church, September 28.

Rankin—Oakdale Baptist Church, September 29.

Oktibbeha—Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church, September 30.

Sunflower—New Hope Baptist Church, September 30.

Kemper—Blackwater Baptist Church, October 1.

TEN BEST BOOKS

1. "Where Are the People?"—Sidney W. Powell.
2. "Prayer"—George A. Buttrick.
3. "Planning a Year's Pulpit Work"—Andrew W. Blackwood.
4. "Romance of Evangelism"—Roland Q. Leavell.
5. "Preaching from the Prophets"—Kyle M. Yates.
6. "This Crucial Hour"—Robert G. Lee.
7. "Around the Cross"—R. C. Campbell.
8. "Youth Faces Today's Crisis"—Dan Gilbert.
9. "A. T. Robertson"—Everett Gill.
10. "Report From Tokyo"—Joseph C. Grew.

JAMES L. SULLIVAN.

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Then they are led into the main hall where they bow and worship the ancestral tablet of the groom's family. They are now recognized as man and wife.

There are no broken engagements in China. The contracts made by the parents are legally signed, and they stand.

Young China has demanded a change in the traditional marriage ceremonies described. They would do away with the sedan chairs, the band, the firecrackers and even the worship of the ancestral tablet. They would have the bride and groom separately conducted to the platform in the auditorium selected, they would have a master of ceremonies preside, who reads the marriage contract, which is signed by the contracting parties, and a copy of this contract given to each. The master of ceremonies directs the bride and groom to bow to each other, to the parents, relatives and friends. This bowing is to take the place of the ancestral tablet worship.

While the young people of China in high schools and colleges are against the old system, and their families, as a rule, are yielding to their wishes, yet probably a large majority of the families have not fallen in line with the new order; and this is due largely to the fact that they are so bound by their ancestral worship that they will agree to no change which does not include worship of the ancestral tablet.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared by Bracey Campbell

Lesson for Sept. 26

VALUES FROM ISRAEL'S HISTORY

Bible Texts: Deut. 10, 11

Introduction.

We stand here very nearly at the end of the forty years in the wilderness. The first year out of Egypt, and the children of Israel had about completed preparations to go over into the promised land and possess it. But came their loss of courage and their doubt of God, followed by God's sentence to the long years of labored wandering in the wilderness that the doubters might die out and a generation of people worthy of the home God had set aside for them might grow up. In the lesson before us, they have grown up and are now about ready to go over and conquer their inheritance.

In this situation they need admonition, encouragement, warning, promise, command unto the doing of that which will make them strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might, warning against the leaving undone the commands of their God; the practice of the impious conduct which shall be performed in disregard of His order.

I. God's Purpose in Giving the Commands.

"Jehovah commanded us to do all these statutes . . . that He might preserve us alive" (Deut. 6:20); "Jehovah thy God hath chosen thee to be a people for His own possession, above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth" (Deut. 7:6).

Jehovah loved His people, and this great love wherewith He loved them led to His giving the commands in the observance of which, and only so, could the people grow to be worthy of the faith God had in them, and fit for the great work to which He had called them.

We are hearing just now of an American army in the East, which has been undergoing severe discipline for two years in anticipation of a tremendous task to be accomplished in the work of cleaning up the mess which the politicians and the selfish dictators have made in the world.

We have heard much to the effect that the British Eighth Army of Gen. Sir Bernard L. Montgomery is the finest army in the world; but it will occur to our memories upon every mention of this great army that it has undergone a severity of discipline performed by no other band of fighting men in the world today.

It is not for the slothful, the careless, the lawless, the cowardly, to be God's chosen people. To stand in the high position of one of His chosen ones requires a heroic attention to His requirements that only the heroic of heart can ever pay.

II. The Reasons Behind His Commands.

1. He had a right to command obedience to Him because of the love He had shown and the favors He had bestowed upon them. A father has a right to the love and respect and esteem of the child whom he has nurtured. More emphatically a foster-father has a right to the love and

gratitude of the orphaned girl or boy whom he has taken into his home when that orphaned one had nowhere else to go. All this God had done for these people. They were a race of slaves, and He had set them free; they were simply a horde whom He had organized into a nation; they were at the mercy of their oppressors and He had become their shield and buckler and strong tower of defense.

2. God's commands are laws of life, and they who keep them live, while they who disregard them perish. A godly life is one which honors God in the keeping of His commandments, and it is said, because it is true, that godliness in life is profitable for all things, having promise both of the life which now is, and of that which is to come. All things else being equal, the person who obeys God lives longer in this world and enjoys while living a greater measure of the true prosperity, and experiences while living here a more abounding and abiding joy than the man who disobeys God's voice.

The children of Israel were God's chosen ones, concerning whom He willed that they should be the world's happiest and most prosperous people. In such a case it was necessary for them to play the game of life according to the rules of it, and in such a playing to find the joy of triumph and the consciousness of a great strength.

3. They were being led into a different sort of country from that in which they had been reared, and it might well be that, being strangers in a strange land, they might find themselves unequal to the demands that living in a land so different from that to which they were used. Egypt is a level delta country: the land of Israel is rugged, hilly, mountainous. Egypt is watered by the Nile, and the coming of the fertilizing overflow is just about as certain as the changes of the moon: the land of Israel is watered by rains, and in this manner only, and there are in all likelihood variations in the amount which falls at different times. Egypt is a land given to the husbandman by the Nile and the God of the Nile: the land of Israel is the gift of the same bountiful God, but it is land which has to be won from its rugged natural state and then kept by the constant care of those who till it. Man with the blessings of God had made it a land flowing with milk and honey: but look what it became when man neglected it, a land rocky, barren, and inhospitable. I am told that the Jews who, in the recent years have returned to it, have made portions of this old land to blossom again as the Garden of God.

III. The Warning Against Idolatry.

Why do people naturally go off after idols? Why do people naturally turn away from God? Should I say that it is because of the natural depravity of the human heart, the natural human heart, somebody would be sure to say, "Oh, there he goes, preaching again!" Well, can I say it without preaching? Folks, all sorts of folks, naturally do wrong instead of right. Find me the reason for that. It is because it is easier, somehow, to do wrong than it is to do right.

I'll just make me a god, myself, and I'll make the best one I can, of gold, if I can afford it, of something less expensive, if I can not. If my god gives me what I want, all right for

FREE METHODIST CHURCHES TO USE MUSIC

Wisconsin churches of the Free Methodist denomination henceforth may provide piano or organ accompaniment to hymn singing, as the result of a vote of delegates to a state conference of the Free Methodist church in Richland Center, Wis.

Representatives attending the 69th annual conference voted 26 to 11 in favor of permitting music in their churches. The general conference this summer considered the proposal,

him. If he does not, I'll just get me another god. But may we not leave here: It is hard to be good! It is difficult to obey God's commands! Idolatry offers an easier way. But the easy way is the way of ruin, hence God's righteous anger against it.

IV. The Duty of Parents.

Teach children the right things. Train them to observe, to do, to practice, to perform, the right. That is the whole duty of parents to the children. Provide the children with the creature comforts? Of course; because the direct command of the Lord is to do that. But beyond that, to discipline them into the practice of all the laws of life as God has formed and formulated those laws, this is the great duty of the parent to his child.

KNOW YOUR BIBLE

1. The number "four" is a sacred number with the Hebrews. How many times is it referred to in the Bible?

2. Can you name the boundaries of the "sea of the Philistines" as referred to in Exodus 23:31?

3. Joseph and Mary brought two young pigeons to the temple as a sacrifice. Poor families brought pigeons because of the cost. What was their value?

4. Jesus spent the day in the home of Zacchaeus. Can you describe the home referred to, and why he had such a pretentious dwelling?

(Correct answers on Page 15.)

but agreed to let the several state conferences decide the issue. Local churches, however, still may reject music in their services if they so desire.

Music has not been permitted in the Free Methodist church by its constitution or organization drawn up in 1860.

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PASTORS CONSIDER BUDGET PLAN

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"I asked the roses as they grew,
Rich and lovely in their hue,
What makes your tints so pure and
bright?"

They answered, "Looking toward the
light."

Let us remember in all of our work
for Him that our power and strength
and success come only as we look to
ward the Light that is in the person
of Christ Jesus.

Poplarville Reorganizes

It was on Wednesday night, September 8th, the prayer meeting brought together a large group of the members of the Poplarville church to hear Miss Sara Wallis of the Training Union Department of the state. The group represented a fine bunch of young people and prospective leaders. As a result of the message by Miss Wallis, the Training Union was reorganized and started on its way for a successful journey toward "Efficiencyville." Our interest and prayers are with Pastor J. T. Horton and his people as they put new emphasis on this phase of the work.

Two New Unions For
Brazil Church

Recently Rev. J. H. Pennebaker of Sumner held a meeting in the Brazil church with 49 individuals accepting the Lord. What more could a pastor or evangelist desire to do for a church? Well, that was not enough for Brother Pennebaker. He knew that it was not enough for a person to be saved and become a church member. He knew that these 49, plus all the other members of the church needed to be trained, so he led the church in setting up a Training Union. Two unions were organized, and Mrs. Homer Green was elected as Training Union director. That is real evangelism, leading the lost to find Jesus, and leading the saved to train for service. Congratulations, Brazil, for having this kind of a man to hold your meeting for you.

New Unions for August

Our records show that fifteen unions asked for free literature in August, three Story Hours, three Junior unions, two Intermediate unions, five Young People's unions, and two Adult unions. The Beulah Baptist Church, Jones county, set up the complete Training Union. 718 study course awards were issued during the month of August and went to the churches in thirty-one associations.

Promotion Day-Installation
Service

September 26th is the regular time for promotion in Sunday school and also in Training Union—that is next Sunday.—If you have not already made plans for it you can still observe the day in a simple way. If you are to keep your organization properly graded and efficient this regular annual promotion is necessary. October 3 is the beginning of the new term. All officers should be ready for their new job, and every church should have a special installation service. This impresses the officer with the fact that he has been chosen

by the church to fill an important position in the church. The church should back every officer with their cooperation in every way. Their prayers are needed, their participation, their manifested interest. The September number of the Training Union Manual carries a good program for Promotion Day, the October number will carry an installation program.

Hamburg Intermediates Receive
Bible Reading Awards

Congratulations to two of our Intermediates of the Hamburg church, Adams-Franklin Association. Mary Edna Williams has kept up her readings for two years and receives the certificate and first seal, and Mildred E. Bonds receives the certificate for keeping up her readings for one year. Congratulations, young people, and may you continue this good habit.

Pearl River Holds Successful
Meeting at Zion Hill

The Pearl River B. T. U. Association had its quarterly meeting on September 9th with the Zion Hill church, and it was one of the best B. T. U. associational meetings we have ever attended. The crowd was far bigger than could get in the church, and an enthusiastic, responsive crowd it was. We were glad to recognize in the group six pastors of churches in the association and to know that they are giving their support and loyalty to the work. There is no doubt that one of the essentials of a successful Training Union program in a church is the belief of the pastor in the program, and not only his belief, but his active participation in it.

The program was presented by members of the unions of First church, Picayune; Goodyear; Roseland Park, and Juniper Grove. It consisted of songs and Bible verses by the Story Hour, drills on the books of the Bible by Juniors, and talks on the place and value of the Training Union in the church program by the Intermediates and Young People. We wish that every Christian might have heard these young people as they demonstrated what the Training Union had done for them; they didn't have to tell you what its value is—they showed that as they witnessed for Him before that crowd. We believe it would have been impossible for anyone to have heard this program without being impressed anew with the growth that comes to Christian lives as they train in God's work.

Appreciation goes to Mr. M. E. Brooks as director of the Pearl River Association for his excellent work there. He has been wide-awake and enthusiastic, and a never-tiring worker, as was shown by this good meeting and others just as good. The association is sorry that they are soon to lose him, as he is moving away, but their prayers and ours go with him as he enters other fields of service.

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THE FACTS ABOUT THE
SNAKE

Since it was published in The Baptist Record and in the Clarion-Ledger, and since so many of my friends from South Mississippi have written me about the snake story, I would like to have them know the facts about it. The way it has been exaggerated, it seems that the old serpent himself has been adding to it every time it was told.

This is what happened: Toward the close of the week of revival services at the Wallerville church in which I was doing the preaching, it was discovered by some of the people crowded into the southeast corner of the building that a snake was coiled. While everything was quiet around him during the services he remained still and complacent, but when the people stood and began singing the invitation song, he became disturbed and began to move out, and some near by moved over a bit as he crawled along on the baseboard down the side of the wall and not down the middle aisle of the church. A man near by just put his foot on the head of the snake, and that was the end. It was not a moccasin, but a harmless little rat snake a few inches long and not a few feet. The services were not halted while the intruder was being killed, for the pastor, Dr. W. C. Tyler, nor the writer knew what the little commotion in the rear was, and not twenty-five people in the crowded house even knew about it until after the services, and some did not know it until it began to be put in the papers.

This is the way things get started, and how a mountain can be made out of a mole-hill. I will appreciate it if you could publish these facts and get it straight.

Our people enjoy the paper every week, and hope you will not have to limit the number of subscriptions to those wanting it.—A. B. Pierce, New Albany, Miss.

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CHANGES AMONG THE CHURCHES
By Dr. Chester M. Savage

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E. E. Barber, Wastella, Texas.
P. C. Scott, Edom, Texas.
B. E. Wells, Terry's Creek, Magnolia, Miss.

C. E. Wright, Clinton, Tenn.
D. E. Bobbitt, Green Memorial, Charlotte, N. C.

W. H. Heard, Eaton Memorial, Owensboro, Ky.

R. D. Hohler, Valdosta, Ga.
E. Morris Shelton, Hazlehurst, Ga.
W. H. Oellerich, Uvalda, Ga.
Guy E. Brown, Prairie Home, Mo.

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E. E. Barber, Penwell, Tex.
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J. G. Miller, Goss and Cedar Grove, Marion county, Miss.

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DENOMINATIONAL CALENDAR

October

Evangelism.
Now Club.
Association Meetings.
Cooperative Program.
Student Join-the-Church Day.
Laymen's Day, Oct. 17.
Sunday School Training Courses.
Elect Your Nominating Committee.
Observe Annual Church Night of Stewardship.
Association Rallies, October 25-29.
State Mission Day in the Sunday School, Oct. 24.
Sunday School Study Course; Home Cooperation Week.
Tithes and Offerings According to the Scriptures.

G. E. WELLS RESIGNS PRENTISS COUNTY FIELD

G. E. Wells has resigned the field of churches made up of Ebenezer, Carson, Dublin and Oak Grove.

During the three and one-half years that Pastor Wells served Ebenezer they installed new pews, built a basement of twelve rooms, and increased the budget by three hundred percent.

At Carson the old building was wrecked and a new building erected. The new building has six additional Sunday school rooms and butane gas has been installed.

At Dublin plans have been made to remodel their building. And at Oak Grove six Sunday school rooms have been started.

At Terry's Creek, the new pastor will find one of Mississippi's better country churches. Remarkable progress has been made under the leadership of J. C. Wright, who recently resigned. And with Pastor Wells this progress will no doubt continue.

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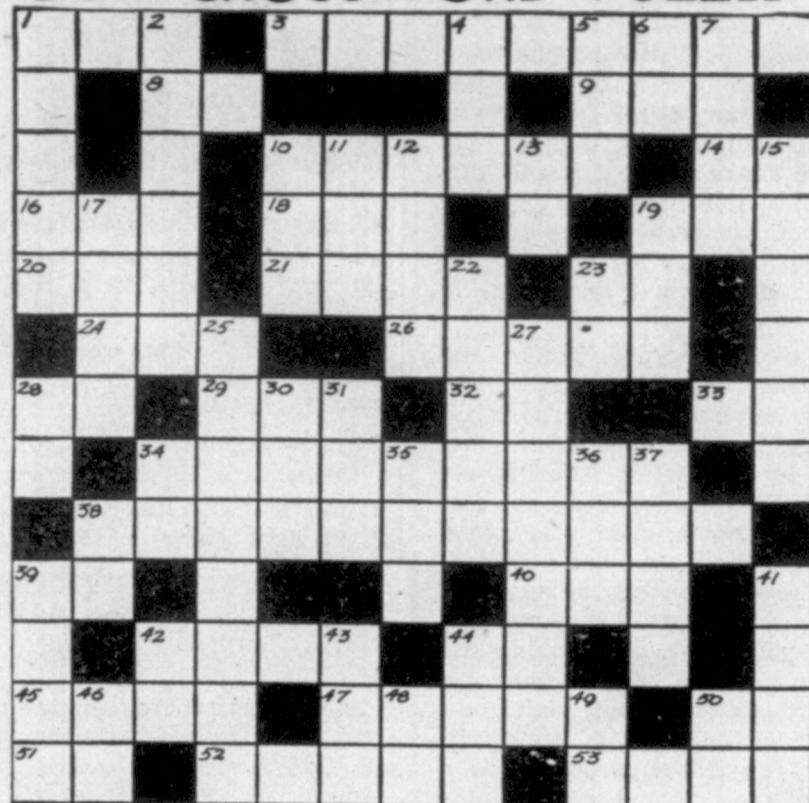
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"Not that I speak in respect of want: I am, therewith to be content."—Phil.

for I have learned in whatsoever state 4:11.

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 - of the Chaldees, Gen. 11:28.
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 - Native mineral.
 - High-priest and judge of Israel, I Sam. 1:9.
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 - " . . . content with your wages," Luke 3:14.
 - "The sleep of a . . . man is sweet," Eccl. 5:12.
 - Satisfaction.
 - Sixth note in scale.
 - Greek letter.
 - "merry heart doeth good . . . a medicine," Prov. 17:22.
 - Half an em.
 - "Let us not be desirous of . . . glory," Gal. 5:26.
 - "whatsoever . . . I am, therewith to be content," Phil. 4:11.
 - Father.
 - "Better . . . a dry morsel, and quietness," Prov. 17:1.
 - "Oh how . . . is thy goodness," Ps. 31:19.
 - " . . . the whole world, and lose," Matt. 16:26.
- Our text is 1, 3, 21, 38, 51, 52 and 53 combined.

Answer to Last Week's Puzzle

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In 1939 we were paying \$32,000 interest on our bonds—6%—maximum rate. In addition, for some of these years we had paid \$10,000 to \$15,000 extra to field men, office help, etc., handling this debt. It is likely that for every dollar of the peak \$650,000 bonded indebtedness we have paid an extra dollar, or another \$650,000 in interest and other expenses.

We feel the institutions and Mississippi Baptists generally can do better than this. Certainly these figures should forever prevent us from a repetition at this point.

Multitudes of Mississippi Baptists believe in Christian Education. They do not believe in unholy rivalry, backbiting, whispering campaigns, bad business methods, unethical practices, etc.

Let us see to it that such attitudes and practices are no part or parcel of our Mississippi Baptist life.

This year we pay \$10,000 in interest. Let us retire the remaining \$156,500. Let us stay out of debt! Let us keep Christian Education, our institutions and ourselves in the Spirit of Christ.

"For, brethren, ye have been called unto liberty; only use not liberty for an occasion to the flesh, but by love serve one another.

"For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this; Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.

"But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith,

"Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law.

"And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with affections and lusts.

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

"Let us not be desirous of vain glory, provoking one another, envying one another."—Galatians 5:13-15, 22-26.

—BR—

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- Morgan—The Parables and Metaphors of Our Lord.
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- Trueblood—The Logic of Belief.
- Jefferson—Experience and the Christian Faith.
- Stewart—The Gates of New Life.
- Eddy—Man Discovers God.
- Lewis—A New Heaven and a New Earth.

Chester L. Quarles.

The Baptist Record would like to publish the names of the five churches that baptized the most people within the past twelve months, that is, from September 1, 1942 to September 1, 1943. Any church having 50 or more is requested to send the information to The Baptist Record.

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O. F. WATTS
Minister of Music and Education
West Laurel Baptist Church

WEST LAUREL BAPTIST CHURCH
ELECTS MINISTER OF MUSIC
AND EDUCATION

Mr. O. F. Watts took over his duties as minister of music and education in the West Laurel Baptist Church Sept. 1. Mr. Watts is a native South Carolinian and has been attending Baptist Bible Institute in New Orleans for the past four years, serving as minister of music and education in the Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans for the last year and a half.

The West Laurel church is very happy over the coming of Brother Watts as they are for the present without a pastor and the new educational director is showing himself capable of taking care of the pastor's work as well as his own duties. Leaders in the church report that they feel under the direction of their new leader and with the coming of their new pastor they hope to go places for the Lord.

A new home has been purchased for Mr. Watts and property has been purchased and cleared away for the new auditorium which the church plans to build as soon as conditions and circumstances will permit.

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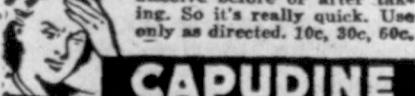
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S. E. LACKEY
"MY FRIEND, SAM E. LACKEY"
Margaret M. Lackey

"I had a Friend," was the quiet response to a great gentle soul on one occasion when questioned as to his greatness and gentleness.

I, too, had a friend whose daily influence upon the lives of those around him was like the shining of the sun at noonday, when no shadows could be cast.

He was great and gentle in his conversation. They tell me he was a man of wealth. I do not know. We never conversed about money. We had so many worth-while things to talk about. He loved people; he liked to talk about them; of their desires, their needs, their hopes for better things; but never of their poverty. However, I cannot recall a time, when at the close of our visit, he did not press into my hand several bills and quietly say "use wherever you think best." I cannot recall a time when he did not close our simple talks with prayer. He was gentle as well as great in his prayer life. How he did love to give God thanks for blessings that came his way. On one occasion he came direct from a meeting of his Board of Bank Directors. Perhaps he would never have mentioned it but it was so fresh on his mind. He said, "Our bank has done marvelously well this past year, and as I listened to the reports my heart overflowed with gratitude; so I suggested that we have

prayer." (It was the first time I had ever heard of a Board of Bank Directors having prayer.) But the wise president of that bank immediately responded, "We will stand while Mr. Lackey leads us in prayer."

My friend and his gracious wife were both gentle and great as parents. From early childhood the children were taught all reverence for their parents. Hence the parents through life have shown a proper regard for the opinions of their children. Theirs has been a happy home.

As was their custom he and his wife and fine son paid us a visit at the hospital. Being the business man that he was, our superintendent discussed with him the great need of the ground floor or lobby of our hospital being completed. Three days later the three of them paid us another visit. Our superintendent was in her office; I was in my favorite corner of the hall just outside her door. Mr. Lackey entered the office, but his wife came on to me. Shortly thereafter our superintendent, followed by Mr. Lackey, came to us. Her eyes were filled with tears. Something, I feared, had gone wrong and I was

distressed. As they stood near us she said to me, "See what he has done," and she handed me a check, the largest check I had ever held; and in this quiet, beautiful way the Lackey Foundation, the lovely first floor of our hospital was born.

But this is not what I wanted to tell you: for to him this was the small part of the story. He told me that, as they were driving home from that first visit, he was discussing with them his conversation with the superintendent about the needs of the hospital, and he said, "I wish I could find someone with money who would help." He said things were quiet for a moment and then this fine son, his boy, spoke up, "Why don't you give it, Pop?" He told me afterwards that it was one of the happiest moments of his life.

There are many things I could tell you about my friend that made him the great gentleman he was. I mention only one more, his smile. His last years were filled with suffering—spiritual, mental and physical, but through it all he smiled.

Dear gift of God so fine, so true,
The world were lost if souls like you
Should fall beneath the great heartache.
Your strength sublime for Love's sweet
sake,

Has gripped and held—not you alone—
But weaker souls whom you unknown,
Have guided over Life's dark mile,
By just the sunshine of your smile.
God's blessings kept you to the end,
Dear gift from Him, pure heart, true
friend.

—BR—

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Answers To
Know Your Bible

Feature on Page Twelve.

1. (Number four): The sacred number "four" appears five times in the Old and New Testaments: Gen. 2:10; Ezekiel 37:9; Matthew 24:31; Ezekiel 1:5 and Revelation 4:6.

2. ("Sea of the Philistines"): The boundaries are mentioned in verse 31, Exodus 23, as follows: The Red sea, the River Euphrates, and the "desert" (which no doubt refers to the wilderness of Sinai).

3. (Two young pigeons): Two young pigeons might be prohibitive in price for poor families, according to the Talmud (Kerithoth 1:7), which relates the demand of a grasping trader who demanded "a gold dinar," \$3.81 in our money. This "chiseler" was compelled to drop his price to 4d., or eight cents.

4. (The home of Zacchaeus): Because he was "the chief among the publicans," or the leading tax collector and customs officer of the city, he, naturally, would have a big home. It is said that a towering edifice is still standing in the village, and is pointed out as the home of Zacchaeus.

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CALLING ALL BONDS?

Calling All Bonds!

At a called meeting of the MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST EDUCATION COMMISSION the following resolution was unanimously passed:

RESOLUTION

"BE IT RESOLVED by the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission in executive session in the Convention Board Office on Thursday, September 16, 1943, that the Executive Secretary is hereby instructed to call bonds up to the sum of One Hundred Four Thousand Dollars (\$104,000), including 1955 and 1956 maturities, and,

If within his judgment money is at hand, or in sight, he is hereby authorized to call One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Dollars (\$156,000) which in addition to the above, includes 1957 bonds of the Mississippi Baptist Education Commission."

It now rests with 300,000 MISSISSIPPI Baptists, their 1600 churches, and 750 pastors as to whether or not we call ALL outstanding bonds, or only part of them. The money secured through floating these bonds did not go into a hole. The money has not been wasted. It went into endowment and buildings in some of the finest colleges on earth. Thus, it goes into young life—yesterday, today, and forever.

Let us as Mississippi Baptists forever get this debt back of us. Stop ALL interest payments! Do it now! Send your monies along!

Mississippi Baptist Education Commission

D. A. McCall, Director, NOW CLUB

BOX 530

JACKSON, 105, MISSISSIPPI

Thursday, September 23, 1943

**NATION'S OLDEST BAPTIST
DEACON TALKS WAR BUT HE
PRIZES CHURCH MEM-
BERSHIP ABOVE ALL**

Nolensville, Tenn.—"Uncle Jim" Barnes, aged deacon of the Concord Baptist Church near here, likes to talk war whenever the other deacons gather at his home, but he never fails to express the hope for a righteous peace and freedom for all people.

The folks who know Uncle Jim best can't blame the Civil War veteran for talking war. After all it isn't every one who fought in five major battles. Furthermore, Uncle Jim is one of the surviving few who remember seeing Abraham Lincoln.

Honored not long ago on his 100th birthday anniversary Deacon Jim had this message for the world:

No Arm-Chair Strategist

"This is the most terrible war ever fought but it will finally be won by the nations of religious conviction."

Born James William Barnes in the Tennessee community of Jack Burke Hollow, Uncle Jim is no arm-chair strategist in military matters.

He fought with the tattered armies of the Confederacy during the Civil War and says he saw action in the battles at Murfreesboro, Chickamauga, Ringgold, Ga., Knoxville and Gettysburg.

10,000 Surrender to Grant

"When Ft. Harrison, Va., was blown up and fell to the Yankees," he recalls, "I was sitting on the breastwork watching the battle in the valley below. General Lee ordered me to come down, saying I might get shot.

"Ten thousand of us Confederates were so outnumbered, we surrendered to General Grant and were sent as prisoners to Point Lookout, Md.

"Afterward, we were sent down the James river in small boats to prison. I saw a boat coming up the river and on it I saw President Lincoln."

But knowing the great Confederate general, Robert E. Lee, and fighting at Gettysburg—one of the world's major battles—are not the greatest experiences in Uncle Jim's life.

The experience which he prizes above all others, he says, is his joining the Concord Baptist Church, at the age of 30, in 1873. He values his church affiliation above everything in the world.

Deacon Attends Church

His pastor, Rev. Hoyt Henderson, was one of the more than 100 friends and admirers who came, laden with gifts, to celebrate the veteran's 100th birthday. He attends services frequently, and is often visited by ministers of other denominations who come to swap stories and discuss the Bible with him.

Uncle Jim is probably the oldest Baptist deacon in America, having been elected in 1876 and having served ever since. He reads the newspapers avidly.

"I haven't seen any of the tanks, guns, jeeps, or bombers used in this war," he admitted, "but I expect to get out to see them shortly. Fighting now is altogether different from the Civil War. It seems that this war is a war of utter destruction."

"But I hope to live to see it end in a righteous peace. I hope that freedom will be given to all nations and peoples alike, that hate will disappear from the earth, and we may have a reign of universal love and peace."—The Protestant Voice.



THE AX THAT BEATS THE AXIS

For destroying homes, health, and happiness strong drink is without a rival. Not even the Axis powers with all their cruelty and their dastardly and deadly machines of war can hold a light to this most dangerous enemy of mankind.

We have only to look about us for horrible examples. Why do sane people for one moment condone the use of it, give it respectability in their homes, and in their social gatherings? The answer is one word, Satan.

The Local Congregation and the Man On Foreign Soil

1. Coming from the pastorate directly into the Army as a chaplain I spent fifteen months learning to lean heavily upon the help of civilian churches near my post. The pastors and members knew what they were about; Their city had long been known as an "Army Town." It was a pleasure to know that I could keep such contacts and use them for the work I was trying to do.

2. Then there were eight months of wartime duty with the Hawaiian Department in which I found the same willing pastors and church members, supplemented now by missionaries who busied themselves with soldiers and sailors in addition to their other fields. There were also several servicemen's organizations under Christian leadership. All this was in a place where the war had reality for all the people from the very beginning. There was still a chance for lots of civilian help and I used it.

3. Now for many months I have not seen a civilian church except for the native chapels far in the bush from our organization's unit camps. The only religious program is the one the Army sponsored through days of training now come to life in long days of combat and island defense.

4. That is why I have written a number of Christian workers to ask them the question, "What can the local congregation do for the man or foreign soil?" From a dozen answers received from twice as many requests I am pass-

The liquor habit is the devil's most effective weapon in destroying the happy family relations. It soon brings about misunderstandings, inefficiency, failure in business, poverty, crime, degradation, divorce and a thousand other ills.

No home that admits this monster demon, strong drink, can long survive his insidious attacks. Never take the first drink and you will be sure to save your home and yourself from the awful wreck and ruin of rum.

ing on the following suggestions. These have come from people who feel that the churches are the same important units of Christian activity which they have always been. They believe that the progress of Christianity cannot be separated from the churches. I am grateful to those who have written to me out of their experience and deep personal interest.

5. None of those ideas is my own, but I pass them on in the name of chaplains who are glad to be representatives of the churches.

a. **PRAY FOR THEM.** In personal devotions and congregational worship remember them in prayer. One writer mentioned a "convoy of prayer" being sent this way. A church secretary sent a copy of a suggested family worship service program centering about a loved one absent at war. There were several suggestions from those who had various kinds of prayer calendars for men in service.

b. **WRITE TO THEM.** A state missions secretary mentioned that many pastors write to their servicemen at least once each month. One suggestion was for the church to "devise some way of keeping the names of the men constantly before its members and letting the members choose their own correspondents—even at the risk of leaving some out." The same person also wrote with insight when she said, "Please, no letters which say, 'We drew names at church and I happened to get yours, etc.' An editor writes, 'Sends them all the news, facts about people they knew, things with which they are fam-

iliar and the little, trivial events which make community and church life interesting. I know of nothing that will more readily cheer a fellow than the neighborhood 'gossip' about interesting and amusing things."

c. **WRITE TO THEIR CHAPLAINS.** Only one person made this suggestion, but it is a most excellent one. One can readily see how important it is for the chaplain to know about the man's former church life.

d. **SEND THE SMALL DEVOTIONAL HELPS.** The pastor of a very large church tells of sending copies of "Strength for Service." Church bulletins are always interesting, especially when enclosed in a personal letter. In one church the bulletin is dedicated once a month to a serviceman a month to servicemen and sent to all of them. Many mentioned sending "On Duty for God and Country" (the Sunday School lessons bound in a pocket sized quarterly).

e. **KEEP IN TOUCH WITH THEIR FAMILIES.** A seminary professor writes to send this helpful suggestion, "Keep in touch with the families of men overseas, strengthening their morale and rendering every possible service to them. It gives the men away from home a great sense of comfort if he knows that the folks at home are being looked after."

f. **HONOR THEM IN STATED SERVICES.** The director of a state training union department says, "Once each quarter we ask the men—especially those on foreign soil, to write us a letter which can be read before the congregation at a worship service." Another sent this, "One church has from four to five hundred people present every Wednesday night when the servicemen's roll is called, special prayers for them are offered by name, and communications from them are read."

g. **SHOW INTEREST IN THOSE RETURNING:** "When a man has opportunity to come home on a furlough, see that he is given suitable attention. This of course applies especially to those who return because of wounds or illness."

h. **KEEP THEIR CHURCHES WORTH RETURNING TO.** A pastor writes, "I am praying that when these men return to this land of home, they will find a church that is ready to give them a place in its life to work out in the times of peace the truths so stumped upon them in those hours of danger. The danger that will be upon us then is that the church at home, at ease and in comfort, will not realize the call that has come to many of the men out there to a better life, and will allow them to be overcome by the careless indifference of the things that were so prevalent among us after the other war." And another, "I want my church to be vigorous and strong, one to which the men will be proud to return when the war is over." A teacher says, "Let the men know that the churches are giving much thought to peace and to conditions following the war."

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London (By Cable, RNS)—How a cardinal forced a German general to call on him is related by The Universe, Roman Catholic weekly published here. When General Alexander von Falkenhausen, military governor of Belgium and Northern France, recently invited Joseph Cardinal van Roey to call on him for a talk, the Archbishop of Malines replied that, if the German military governor had anything to say, he knew where he could find him. General von Falkenhausen gave way and called on the cardinal.

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